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RED ARMY STOPS FOE IN NORTH

IGNORANCE
CLAIMED BY
S. F. MAYORAides Resign Under Graft
Charge, But Rossi
Knows NothingSAN FRANCISCO—Mayor
Angelo Rossi neither sees,
hears nor speaks evil of Pete
McDonough.

The mayor accepted the
resignation of three police
commissioners and his own private
secretary because of revelations
in the Atherton report and in
tapped telephone conversations
shown to the grand jury. In
them these four pillars of the
Rossi administration were re-
vealed as participants, defend-
ers or silent accomplices of the
vice ring headed by the McDon-
ough Brothers bail bond firm.

But Rossi, testifying before
the state insurance commis-
sioner last Thursday, Oct. 21,
had no opinion as to Pete
McDonough's "moral charac-
ter." All Rossi knew was what
had been published in the pa-
pers and the publicly recorded
facts that these four officials
of the Rossi machine had re-
signed.

Observers recalled that Rossi
had vigorously attacked the Ath-
erton report on its issuance, and
subsidized into silence when the
revelations had shown connec-
tions in his own office. It was
clear that the opponents of the
McDonoughs' getting a license to
continue would find no help or
comfort from Mayor Rossi.

Ernst Defends Self
Hugo Ernst, Culinary Alliance
official, found himself defending
not only McDonough but Ernst
as well. Forced by subpoena to
show the letter Pete McDonough
had written asking for his un-
derstanding support, McDonough
claimed his compliance with this
request was authorized by the ex-
ecutive board of his local.

Outside the hearing, members
of the executive board of the lo-
cal emphatically denied this and
claimed that Ernst had given
McDonough the union's sanction
without its knowledge.

Roche Defends Cops
Theodore Roche, resigned mem-
ber of the police commission,
made a strong effort both to
indict Pete's moral character
and to clear the police depart-
ment. Pete's refusal to talk,
Roche now claims to believe,
was "damaging" to the police
department because it left unan-
swered the charges that it an-
nually participates in a one mil-
lion dollar take from prostitu-
tion, gambling and other illegal
activities.

Herndon Kin
Dies in SpainWas Third Negro to Die for
Spanish DemocracyNEW YORK—Milton Herndon,
commander of the Frederick
Douglass machine gun company
of the Lincoln Brigade, was killed
Saturday, Oct. 16, on the
Sagorassa front in Spain.

The young Negro commander,
age 29, was a member of the
Young Communist League and
brother of Angelo Herndon, the
League's national vice president.
He had actively participated in
many engagements at the front.

News of his death was cabled
to the American Friends of the
Lincoln Brigade. "He, like other
Negroes who have gone to
Spain," said his internationally
known brother, "has helped to
write a glorious chapter in the
struggle for human progress."

Herndon was the third Negro
of the Lincoln Brigade reported
killed in action. The others were
Alonso Watson and Oliver Law.
Others who have distinguished
themselves include Lt. Walter
Garland, wounded twice in ac-
tion; Harry Haywood, Chicago
leader, political commander of
the battalion, and Douglas
Roach, Massachusetts, wounded
twice in action.

Meeting Time Changed

SAN FRANCISCO—Change of
time and place in a campaign
mass meeting for women was
announced here by the Honest
Government Committee.

The meeting will be addressed
by Marjorie January, candidate
for supervisor with the commit-
tee's endorsement. It will be
held in the assembly room at 83
McAllister Street, Wednesday,
Oct. 29, at 8 p. m.

Negro Congress Maps
Fight for DemocracyDelegates Urge Unity of Labor as Power-
ful Weapon Against Jim-CrowismPHILADELPHIA, Penn.—"We want one powerful and
united labor movement."
"We want a united front against the attack of war and
fascism!"
"We demand an end to race discrimination!"BRIDGES PLANS
BIG CIO PUSH

HARRY BRIDGES

Returns With Pledge of
Support From LewisSAN FRANCISCO—"The CIO
will immediately redouble its
organizing activity on the Pacific
Coast," declared Harry Bridges,
Pacific Coast CIO director, last
Thursday on his return from the
CIO conference in Atlantic City.

Commenting on the fact that
the AFL executive council re-
fused to name 100 representa-
tives to meet with 100 CIO re-
presentatives in a unity parley,
and insisted on committees of
three for the meeting next Mon-
day, October 25, in Washington
D.C., Bridges said "it creates the
inescapable conclusion that the
one thing lacking on the AFL
side of the peace parley is sincerity."

Bridges declared the confer-
ence had gutturally redoubled
back to the CIO West Coast cam-
paign in every particular, and
pledging full support for future
activities in this area.

Pointing out that the confer-
ence had authorized the holding
of a national convention at an
early date to decide upon a
constitution and other things ne-
cessary to set up the CIO on an
independent national basis,
Bridges said:

"We have frequently been
charged with not having a con-
stitution. Naturally we did not
have any constitution since we
hoped to do our organizing work
within the AFL. It is only the
attitude of the Greens and Van-
deleers in the AFL that has
made it necessary for us to be-
come independent."

Pension-Plan Messiah
Eludes L. A. PoliceLOS ANGELES—He had vi-
sions of hundreds of thousands
of followers. In his dreams he
saw a steady stream of quarters
and dimes and dollars pouring
into his bank account. He thought
of Townsend, of Gerald K. Smith
—perhaps even of Hitler and
Mussolini.

Today he is in hiding from
the police. His few hundred fol-
lowers have ceased to be de-
voted and have begun brandish-
ing LOU's Police are looking
for him to charge him with
grand theft and fraud. There is
the possibility that a Federal
charge—that of using the mails
to defraud—may be pinned on
him.

Petty Racketeer

A long-time petty racketeer,
Robert Noble, arrested last Oc-
tober 17 when he and his follow-
ers staged a demonstration in
front of radio station KMTB in
protest against the station's re-
fusal to give him free time to
advertise his \$25 every Monday
morning pension scheme, is on
the verge of an ignominious dis-
appearance from public life.

Slated to appear in court No-

ember 3 to stand trial on charges
of grand theft bunco, Noble,
when he appears, will be greet-
ed by a new charge of fraud.
Grand jury action this week is
expected to add to the pile of
charges already against him.

Creditors Angry

Instead of making him a mar-
tyr in the eyes of his followers,
Noble's arrest has only turned
them into angry creditors.

Last Wednesday, police receiv-
ing a note for \$100 from a
woman who declared she ad-
vanced Noble the money on
condition that it would be re-
paid in ninety days.

"I asked him for my money
and he turned to his secretary
and said 'write her a check for
\$25,' the letter read.

"I said 'I want all my money'
and he said 'If you get too
smart I'll call the bank and have
this check cancelled.'"
Police in their attempt to
locate new complaints against
him have been unable to locate
him. Though guards have been
placed at his home at 1922 North
Highland Avenue and at the
home of his secretary, he has
not been found.

RIGHT TO JOIN
UNION FACES
COURT TESTProgressives Force City to
Try Goon Squad
HoodlumsLOS ANGELES—Whether
working men can join unions
of their own choice and still
escape bodily harm at the
hands of thugs will be one of
the questions before the Muni-
cipal Court on Nov. 2.

On that day the court will
hear charges of "assault and
battery" lodged against alleged
"goons" carrying Teamsters' Un-
ion books, Lee Owens, Carl
Windshanz, Bill O'Brien and
Shive Morales.

City's First Move

With progressive opinion
aroused at the unchecked reign
of "goon squad" terrorism in the
city's streets, the arrest of the
four was the first move of city
authorities to cope with the out-
break of violence. They were
hailed into court last Monday on
complaint of Joe Mandernach
and Eli Epstein, organizers of
the CIO United Cracker, Bakery
and Confectionary Workers Un-
ion, who were seriously beaten
recently in front of the L. A.
Nut House, a candy-making es-
tablishment.

The four accused thugs were
freed by the court on their own
recognizance. The leniency of
the court in failing to set any
bail made progressives apprehen-
sive of an attempt to whitewash
the case or treat it as it was
treated by higher county
authorities.

Long Evasion

Only after vain efforts before
the Grand Jury and the District
Attorney were Mandernach and
Epstein able to force the City
Attorney's office last Friday to
issue warrants for the arrest of
the "goons."

Grand Jury members evaded
responsibility by quizzing the
two beaten men on their politi-
cal affiliations rather than on
the incident of their beating.

Further threats against his life
have been made since he took
his case to the City Attorney,
said Mandernach last week.
"I have been told that if I
ever go near the L. A. Nut House
again," he declared, "I will be
so beaten up that I won't need
an ambulance to take me away
in."

According to Mandernach, ef-
forts are to be made to secure a
wide public protest campaign
against failure of law enforce-
ment officials in the city to act
against the illegal beating of
workers.

CIO Office Union
Strikes Safeway,
Western StatesSAN FRANCISCO — Under
leadership of the United Office
& Professional Workers of
America Local 34, CIO, some
200 office workers are on strike
at the local offices of Safeway
Stores and Western States Gro-
cery Co., with the support of
the Warehousemen's Union,
ILWU Local 1-6.

The UOPWA stated:
"Employees in these two of-
fices were forced to strike by
repeated unnecessary delays in
negotiations by the manage-
ment over a period of four
months."

The employers refused to
make an official offer last Mon-
day, and on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.,
the strike action was voted un-
animously.

Wm. Conboy Blocks
Cleaners' PeaceSAN FRANCISCO — "Don't
have any peace talk—we're not
going to go for any referendum,"
instructed William Conboy, local
Teamster czar, last Thursday
night with the result that a
meeting of the AFL Cleaners &
Dyers dual union was railroaded
with a motion turning down
any peace moves with the CIO
United Cleaners & Dyers Union.
Chester Viot, AFL business
agent, had agreed on Wednesday
night to hold a city-wide refer-
endum under auspices of the
National Labor Relations Board
to determine which union would
represent the workers in the
industry.

Pretty Picture—Or Wouldn't You Say?



IT'S THE stockings we're speaking of. They're cotton. And the reason for them is the Ja-
panese invasion of China. The girls are members of the Washington Commonwealth Federation
women's league. They think "Off with Silk and on with Cotton" will undermine Japanese silk
sales in the United States and force the Japanese imperialists to abandon their plans for en-
slaving the Chinese people. The girls are, left to right: Margaret Haglund, Mary Thompson,
Sylvia Keene and Mrs. Howard Costigan.

SPAIN TO TRY
HIGH TRAITORSGeneral Betrayed Army
At Malaga AccusedMADRID—Gijon, last Loyal-
ist stronghold on the northern
Spanish coast, surrendered to
the fascist army of Franco at
the end of a long campaign by
Loyalist troops to delay its
capture.

The fate of Gijon had been
sealed earlier with the capture
of Bilbao and Santander, but
heroic Asturian miners and
Basque nationalists fought on
in spite of their isolation from
the main Loyalist forces by
land and the fascist sea block-
ade.

VALENCIA—Generals Toribio
Cabrera and Jose Asencio, who
were protected in high govern-
ment military commands during
the Caballero government, were
charged here with "conspiracy
against the Republic" and put on
trial for their lives before a mil-
itary tribunal.

Another general, Fernando
Monje, was under similar charges
in Barcelona.

The accused generals had
been kept out of responsible
posts since the advent of the
Negrin government. They had
repeatedly been exposed by
the Communist Party for sus-
picious actions, including
treachery in allowing the fall
of Malaga.

The charges in the case of
Cabrera were based directly on
the Malaga events, where Cabrera
was in command at the time
of its capture by the fascists.

Republican officers, it had long
since been pointed out by the
Communist Party of Spain, de-
liberately ordered a "strategic
retreat" from impregnable posi-
tions around the city, causing
Republican troops to fall back
to a supposed line of fortifica-
tions that had never been built.

After the fall of Malaga,
when an entire army corps
had been wiped out and thou-
sands of civilians slain, Cabrera
had remarked, "It is of no
importance. It reduces our
front."

Despite a popular wave of re-
sentment, Caballero as premier
failed to carry out an investiga-
tion despite his promise to do so.

Longshoremen Fight

Ban on Picketing

SAN FRANCISCO—The Long-
shoremen of ILWU Local 1-10
have voted to assess each mem-
ber 50 cents to carry on the
battle to defeat the proposed
anti-picketing ordinance in the
November 2 election.China Consul Thanks
U. S. People for AidMore Than \$3,000,000 Raised in Amer-
ica to Aid DefendersSAN FRANCISCO—More than three million dollars has
been raised in the United States to aid the Chinese people.
Of this \$1,600,000 was collected in San Francisco.

These facts were revealed by
C. C. Huang, Chinese Consul-
General in this city, when he
called in the press on Thurs-
day "to express the gratitude of
my government and my people
for the generous aid of the Am-
erican people."

Letters Flow In

"Since the war started in
North China and Shanghai," Mr.
Huang said, "this office has
been receiving messages daily
from American people express-
ing sympathy with the Chinese
people, particularly those in cit-
ies bombed by the Japanese ar-
my. Many of the letters are
accompanied with money with a
request that it be used for re-
fugees and to alleviate the suf-
fering of women and children in
bombed cities."

Practically all the money has
been donated by Chinese resi-
dents in America and in San
Francisco has been gathered by
the Chinese War Relief Associa-
tion, 843 Stockton street.

"But," said Mr. Huang, "I
understand that organizations
like the American League
Against War and Fascism are
considering a campaign to raise
money among Americans for
Chinese refugees."

Alleged. Writers Allege
All Writers Crack-Pots

HOLLYWOOD — "You don't
have to be crazy to be a suc-
cess in Hollywood, but it helps."
Apparently trying to live up to
this oft-quoted phrase, four al-
leged writers (by self-admission)
sought to go one better than the
"Three Stooges" of movie fame
at the National Labor Relations
Board hearing here on charges
brought by the Screen Writers'
Guild against film producers.

"Yes, Mr. Mayer"
The well-known satires of Hol-
lywood, "Once in a Lifetime"
and "Queer People," have noth-
ing on the transcript of this
hearing.

Howard Emmett Rogers, free-
lance script writer; Grover
Jones, veteran \$3500-a-week
scenarist; Patterson McNutt, and
James McGinnis, producer-writ-
er, came out of the gauze of
saying "Yes, Mr. Mayer" and
"Yes, Mr. Warner," long enough
to testify that screen writers
aren't "regular" workers and
therefore want no part of the
Wagner Labor Act.

Jones Paid "Not to Write"
"Writers are pretty much
crack-pots," said Jones.
Screen writers are paid "not
to write," said Jones. They're
paid "to sit in conference with

jaded writers whose tempera-
ments would not let them con-
centrate." They're also paid
"to be tactful."

By "concentrating" hard, Mr.
Jones was able to remember just
why he and his three pals left
the Guild and set up the com-
pany union, "Screen Play-
wrights, Inc." John Howard
Lawson, Guild president, was the
reason.

McNutt, who said he was
fired from Fox Studios be-
cause "Mr. Zanuck didn't have
time to get to know me," elab-
orated on his profession by
saying: "My secretary gets
paid for overtime but I don't.
It's a 24-hour job. It's a pro-
fession with dignity, but it's
a ditch digger's job mentally."

"Brain Packing"
Continuing the policy of aim-
less wit, trying to convince the
Labor Board that writers aren't
worth bothering about, Jones
said:

"Nobody in Hollywood knows
a damn thing of what he's
talking about and the man who
puts up the best bluff gets
\$3500 a week. I think I know
what I'm talking about, but
most of the time I don't. It's
a gamble, a terrific gamble."

AGAIN REPELS
TOKIO TROOPS
IN OPEN FIGHTDefenders Take Offensive
Cut Off Reinforcements
From Main AttackersCHINESE HEADQUARTERS.
North Shansi — Moving from
guerilla tactics into a mass of-
fensive, the Eighth Route Army
under the command of the Com-
munist General Chu Teh has
defeated the northern Japanese
army in two key positions and
surrounded its main force.

Throughout the entire North-
western front, the Eighth
Army fighters clashed not
only with Japanese troops, but
White Russians and Moham-
medans fighting under the
Japanese command.

The two key positions where
major battles were fought were
in the Niang-tse mountain pass,
130 miles east of Taiyuan, and
the Yuanning sector, 30 miles
north of Taiyuan.

A large force of Japanese was
almost completely annihilated
at Nimpu, northwest of Taiyuan.
This phase of the campaign was
carried out by the 120th division
of the Eighth army.

The main Japanese force in
the north, already practically
isolated, is under attack by
100,000 Chinese troops.

Moreover, another detachment
of the Eighth Army, cutting
through the mountains north of
famed Yenming Pass, tore up
roads and forced the retreat of
Japanese reinforcements being
sent to the North.

Japan Anxiety Grows
As Chinese Lines HoldSHANGHAI — While holding
their own positions in the face
of continued heavy artillery and
infantry attack, the Chinese de-
fending forces here launched a
series of counter attacks.

Japanese failed again in an
attempt to take the strategic
North Station in the Chapei
section by storm after another
holocaust of artillery fire leveled
at positions around it.

Fires were being started con-
tinually by the Japanese artil-
lery fire falling on Chapei. At
least one heavy shell fell in the
international settlement area
defended by foreign troops in-
cluding U. S. marines.

Japan Sends Best

Obviously anxious because the
Chinese defense has not broken
as expected, the Japanese sent
two of their most able military
and navy strategists to direct
operations on the Shanghai
front. They were General Iwano
Matsui, commander in chief of
Japanese forces in Central China,
and Admiral Osami Nagano,
former Japanese naval minister.

Matsui was believed to have
gone to the Tazaki sector of
the Shanghai front, where a
three-day major Japanese offen-
sive had met practically no
progress.

Bay State C. P.
Victim of ToriesBOSTON—Seizure of all Com-
munist Party records in Mass-
achusetts, including membership
lists, was ordered by the state
legislative committee investigat-
ing "subversive activities" in
the state.

The Party immediately ap-
pealed to all friends of democ-
racy in the nation to rush pro-
tests to Sybil Holmes, chairman
of the committee, at Room 450,
State House, Boston.

The Party's statement declared
that it had cooperated voluntar-
ily throughout the hearing, but
that violation of its civil rights
shows that the committee is
ignoring the widespread demand
of prominent citizens and some
newspapers to take action
against the foes of democracy,
the fascist forces organized with-
in the state.

CIO Pickets Framed in
Contra Costa CountyMARTINEZ, Contra Costa
County—Four CIO pickets were
convicted here last Wednesday
on frame-up charges of beating
and resisting a police officer
during the Felice & Perelli Can-
nery strike last July in Rich-
mond.

Motion for a new trial for
Ralph J. Conley, Mateo Lucchesi,
John Chiornio and Frank Estrada,
was filed before Superior Judge
Bray.

Chinese Official Slated to Talk at S. F. Mass Meeting

CONGRESS FOR DEMOCRACY & PEACE MEETS

Menace of War, Fascism
On Agenda for Study
Sunday Oct. 24

SAN FRANCISCO—P. P. Sun, deputy Chinese consul in San Francisco, was scheduled to address the concluding mass meeting of the Congress for Democracy and Peace scheduled all day Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Hotel, 2460 Sutter Street. Other leading participants of the congress were also scheduled to speak and delegates were to be chosen there to participate in the national Congress for Democracy and Peace scheduled in Pittsburgh Nov. 26 to 28.

The public was invited not only to the evening mass meeting, but to the sessions of the congress, although in the latter only accredited delegates will have voice and vote.

The morning session at 10 a.m. before the congress divides into commissions, was to be addressed by Prof. Robert Brady on the international war and fascist menace; by E. F. Dillon, official of Machinists' Local 68, on the effect of fascist trends on labor in this country; by Eric Thomsen, former regional director of the Resettlement Administration, on fascism in the agricultural areas; and by Bert Leach, state organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism, on the League's role in the fight for democracy and peace. The American League is the initiator of the congress.

The following were proposed by the arrangements committee to head the various commissions: Clarence Toby, labor; Ray Studt, business and professional; Eunie Bradley, youth; and Matt Crawford, national minorities.

Nathan Straus Heads Housing Administration

HYDE PARK, N. Y.—President Roosevelt announced here that he had appointed Nathan Straus as head of the housing administration provided in the Wagner-Steagall Bill.

The appointee has long been associated with semi-public slum clearance surveys and projects in New York City.

Proof of Mooney's Innocence



TOM MOONEY, one of the world's most famous political prisoners, is shown pointing out the figure of himself on the top of a building miles away from the scene of the San Francisco preparedness day bombing he was accused of. The clock in the picture is further proof of the "frame-up" against Mooney. It was humanly impossible for Mooney to get to the scene of the bombing at the time it occurred from this building.

S. F. Property Owners Hit Anti-Picketing Ordinance

Claim Previous Ordinance Aided Unfair Employers to Provoke Strikes

SAN FRANCISCO—Among the first to answer the appeal of the Organized Labor Committee Against the Anti-Picketing Ordinance was the San Francisco Property Owners League, it was announced by Campaign Director Paul O. Gaffney.

The league sharply condemns the proposed ordinance as a promoter of strikes which would otherwise be settled

around the conference table. "Since the anti-picketing ordinance was repealed last March," said the League, "75 per cent of San Francisco's labor difficulties have been settled at the conference table without recourse to strike."

WHERE TO GO

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Affairs for the Daily "Western"

San Francisco

House party, 1848 Pine St., Sat., Oct. 23. Admission free. Eats, drinks, entertainment. Friends of Western Worker.

Have your lunch and dinner with the Needle Workers' Sun, Oct. 24, 12 p. m. to 9 p. m. 1848 Pine St. Our full course dinners and short orders are famous from coast to coast. Build the Daily Western Worker.

Halloween night party Saturday, Oct. 30, by YCL, 121 Haight Street.

Dance to be held at 779 Vallejo St., Sat., Oct. 30th, 8 p. m. Adm., Men, 25c; Women, 10c. Aup. Alaska Cannery Branch No. 5.

Reception to A. B. Victor, well known author and lecturer, Sat., Oct. 30, 8 p. m. at Druid's Temple, 44 Page St., near Market. Refreshments, good program. Auspices Jewish Bureau.

Sunday, Oct. 31st, 5:30 p. m., at 1848 Pine Street, 20th Anniversary Russian Dinner and Program. Daily Western Brigade No. 1.

Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat., Nov. 6, Dreamland Aud. Clarence Hathaway, editor Daily Worker, main speaker.

Thanksgiving Carnival & Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p. m., 121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

Evofun Sat. Nov. 20, 8 p. m., 636 Divisadero St., cor. McAllister. Refreshments, games, all kinds of amusements. 23rd and 26th A. D. Branches C. P.

3-DAY FESTIVAL & BAZAAR, Fri., Dec. 31, Sat. and Sun., Jan. 1 and 2, 121 Haight St. All sorts of articles at bargain prices. Pageants, movie, restaurant. Dance on New Year's Eve. Proceeds for Daily Western Worker.

Three days Grand Fiesta, Dec. 31, 1937, Jan. 1, 2, 1938, by S. F. County Committee.

East Bay

Halloween party for Daily Western Worker, 538 24th St. Fernin Hall, Oct. 30, 8 p. m. Adm. 25c.

Other Affairs

San Francisco

Leon E. Malamut on the Concertina. Freiheit Gezag Fernin in new songs. Dancing until 1 p. m. Refreshments Saturday, October 23rd, Redman's Hall, 3053 16th St. Admission 35c. Freiheit Gezag Fernin.

Save Sat., Oct. 23, for Halloween costume dance. IWO Lodge 599, 2508 Washington St.

Carnival Marionettes present The Woes of Poor Alice, at the Peace Center, 715 Ashbury St., Sat., Oct. 23, 8:30 p. m. Adm. 35c.

Benefit dance for Defenders of Spanish democracy. ILWU Ship Scales. Druids Temple, 44 Page St., Sat. night, Oct. 23. Admission—Gentlemen, 30c; ladies free. Union music.

Banquet given by the "D. Djakovich" Branch, No. 4310, IWO Sunday, October 24, 225 Valencia St. Supper from 6 to 8 p. m. General admission 40c. Dancing and good time for all.

East Bay

Oct. 23, 6:30 p. m., Comrade's Hall, 1819 10th St., Berkeley. 18th Anniversary Banquet. Adm. 50c, including program.

Mass meeting, celebration 20th anniversary Russian Revolution. Speaker, Clarence Hathaway, Editor Daily Worker of New York. Civic Auditorium, November 5th 8 p. m.

Los Angeles

Mass Meeting and Rally. Mooney-Billings Br. ILLD Prog. Trade Union Club, 546 E. Spring St. Wed., Oct. 27, 8 p. m. Speakers on CIO and the Intl. Situation. Music by FMO Orchestra. Adm. 10c.

HALLOWEEN PARTY—Community Singing and Dancing, Oct. 30th, 8 p. m., 546 E. Spring St. Adm. 10c. Aup. 14th Cong. Dist. Br. C. P.

Let's go to Hayward to celebrate Halloween masquerade, Oct. 30th, 771 Cherry Way. Bonfire, dancing, turkey auction and games for all.

Chambers, Wilson and Crane to Talk at S. F. Rally on C. S. Repeal

Maritime Federation, ILLD, Assist Repeal Conference as Sponsors; Mooney Praises Defense

SAN FRANCISCO—A mass meeting in celebration of the release of the criminal syndicalism prisoners from San Quentin Penitentiary will be held in Scottish Rite auditorium on Wednesday evening, October 27th.

The affair is under the auspices of Bay Area District Council of the Maritime Federation, the International Labor Defense, the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and more than 200 other progressive and labor organizations.

Principal speakers will be Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane, who were released from San Quentin penitentiary last week, after serving nearly three years under the act for labor activities.

The three labor organizers and five others on parole were ordered unconditionally released by the Third District Court of Appeals, which reversed their conviction.

Patterson to Speak
Other speakers will include Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson, of King City, and other leaders in the fight to repeal the measure.

Hundreds of congratulatory messages concerning the reversal of the verdict are pouring in upon the California Conference for Repeal. The following was received from Tom Mooney:

"Enclosed you will find a check for \$5.00 from our committee to help carry on the

splendid work you are doing. The magnificent success you have recently had in obtaining the freedom of Jack Crane, Pat Chambers and Martin Wilson and in reversing the criminal syndicalism decision, has been one of the most encouraging and inspiring victories that the labor defense movement has had in California for some time.

Mooney's Praise

"The splendid work of your conference contributed to the freedom of these men. The work you are doing warrants the support of all lovers of freedom and democracy. You are really the contemporary exponents of the true spirit of American democracy. Keep up the struggle for workers' rights and eventually all classed labor frame-ups will be ended.

"I send my heartiest greetings of working class and trade union solidarity to the many members of your Conference and to our many friends who have loyally worked for our defense during the period of the long fight we have been making for freedom and vindication."

Women Fight Paper Fomenting Mob Violence in Los Angeles

Shopping News Joins "Neutral Thousands" In Drive To Keep Open Shop Conditions

LOS ANGELES—The Downtown Shopping News has gone berserk again on a big union-baiting campaign.

In a series of vicious open-shop editorials and suspiciously unrealistic anonymous letters, the Shopping News has become the spearhead of the Merchant and Manufacturers open shop drive.

The connection of the Neutral Thousands, the so-called reversal organization for the promotion of a truce between capital and labor recently exposed in the Western Worker, to the whole set-up is too, too obvious.

Women Break Strike!
Last July the Shopping News published an editorial entitled "Women Suffer Most." It said in part:

"We have just learned who really licked the steel strike back east."

"It was the women—the wives of the workers."

Then further down—
"So the wives of the steel workers got together and talked things over. They agreed that everything had been calm and peaceful before the strike, that wages had been good, work plentiful and everybody happy."

They agreed to ask their husbands several questions, the first of which was "Why are you on strike?" The other questions are unimportant because when the husbands got through trying to answer the first one, the "back to work movement" was well under way."

Mrs. Ochs Awakes
The editorial winds up with the statement:

"Maybe it's time for the wives of the workers in Los Angeles County to do a bit of organizing."

It is a strange coincidence that some time after the editorial Mrs. Bessie Ochs woke one night with a vision of peace between capital and labor. How was this thing to come about? Through the wives of the workers. She, like Woodward Clum, had heard the "pitiful appeal of the women" in the steel strike.

So Mrs. Ochs left the furniture manufacturing business she has in China to its fate, and sponsored by a heavy list of wealthy, influential women of Los Angeles opened an elaborate suite of offices in the Cutts building, downtown Los Angeles.

Big Shot Sponsors
Included among the sponsors are Mrs. Mae Carvell of the Broadway Department Store, Mrs. Ruth Sterry, formidable publicity director for the TNT (The Neutral Thousands) is a sister of the attorney for the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

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U. S. Sues to Stop Sale Of City Power to PG&E

SAN FRANCISCO—The United States government opened its suit here to stop the sale of city-generated power from Hetch Hetchy to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Under the arrangement, consumers who paid for the construction of Hetch Hetchy have to buy its power through the PG&E distributing system. The government suit was instituted after Secretary Ickes' charge that the arrangement is illegal under the Raker Act.

It is widely charged that one of the objectives of the San Francisco subway bond proponents is that of bonding the city too heavily to enable it to purchase the PG&E distributing system.

186,000 Petitioners Ask Single House Legislature

Assemblyman Yorty Files Signatures Calling for Statewide Vote

LOS ANGELES—A petition to place the proposition of a single house legislature before the electorate at the next general election has been signed by 186,137 people.

The petition will be filed with the secretary of state, according to Assemblyman Samuel W. Yorty.

Yorty, who initiated the last Wagner Bill in the last legislature, has been one of the staunchest fighters for a unicameral house.

The question of curbing the power of the senate, which is elected on a territorial rather than a population basis, is one that has clearly divided the extreme reactionaries from those being progressive or supporting the people's measures.

State Federation Support

The State Federation of Labor Convention, unable to ignore the anti-labor record of the senate, voted unanimously to support a unicameral legislature. In this it extended a position that has long been taken by California labor against the existing set-up.

On the other side are ranged the State Chamber of Commerce, Governor Frank Merriam, C. C. Teague of the Hoover campaign, the California Bankers' Association, the Industrial Association of San Francisco, the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Assn.

The history of the senate has been that it served as the guillotine for all progressive and labor measures passed by the Assembly.

"Refuge From People"

Said Yorty when he announced that the Unicameral Petition will soon be circulated throughout the state, "The Senate is the refuge from the power of the people. The fight is not between the cities and the rural population, but between the reactionaries corporate interests and the people who are exploited by the State Senate."

STATE CIO CONVENTION

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A state convention of CIO unions in Minnesota will be held in Duluth in November, according to plans drawn at a preliminary conference held September 20.

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L. A. CITIZENS' GROUP FIGHTS GOON SQUADS

Rev. Heist Hits Officials' Refusal to Protect Workers' Lives

LOS ANGELES—A city-wide drive against "goon" terrorism was launched last Tuesday, October 19, when local citizens meeting in the Angelus Hotel established the Citizens Committee for Industrial Justice.

Called by the Rev. A. A. Heist, Southern California Educational Director for the CIO, the meeting voiced a determined stand against the refusal of law enforcement officials to protect the lives of workers in our city.

"Right now, we, as citizens, have got to face the fact that our policemen are strikebreakers," declared Doctor E. P. Ryland, militant leader of the Inter-Religious Committee and chairman of the Municipal League Committee on Industry.

Represented at the meeting were twelve progressive and religious organizations including the American League Against War and Fascism, the International Workers' Order, the Municipal League, and the Christian Front for Peace and Against Fascism.

Speaking of the findings of an investigation which he led into the Banning strike against the Metropolitan Water District, Doctor Ryland asked:

"How can we with these findings go ahead with this undurable situation—namely, the use of police officers, our servants as strike breakers?"

Possibility of pressure by citizens on federal agents to force them to take a hand against "goons" was pointed out by Heist.

Supreme Court Upholds Securities Exchange Act

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court refused to review a case involving the constitutionality of the Securities Exchange Act, a phase of New Deal legislation. In the case involved, three Florida investment companies had to restrain the Securities Exchange Commission from subpoenaing telegrams sent and received regarding their dealings.

Justice Hugo L. Black, now on the high bench, was the head of a senate investigating committee which had been so restrained by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

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Peace Parley Urges Ban On Fascist-Made Products

Delegates of 200,000 Outline Program for Democracy

LOS ANGELES — Representing approximately 200,000 people in Southern California, more than 250 delegates, observers and visitors attended a Congress for Democracy and Peace initiated here by the local American League Against War and Fascism last Sunday, October 17.

Headlined in an imposing list of the day's speakers was P. N. Chang, Los Angeles Chinese Consul, who outlined the background and development of the Japanese invasion of his country.

Other speakers during the day included Reverend E. P. Ryland, the Rev. A. A. Heist, Southern California CIO Educational Director; Doctor H. D. Alexander, professor of economics at the Los Angeles Junior College; J. L. Frankel, I.L.D. attorney; Bert Leech, California State Organizer of the League; and Doctor Louis G. Reynolds.

Strong unanimity existed among the delegates and speakers in calling for an economic boycott of aggressor fascist nations in the struggle for international peace.

Resolutions Adopted
Adopted unanimously by the Congress were two principal resolutions on "The Struggle for Peace" and "Labor's Rights."

In the main resolution on labor's rights, the meeting went on record denouncing the Industrial Mobilization Plan "as a plan which threatens labor's fundamental right to organize into bona fide unions..." and urged all organizations "to bring pressure to bear on Senators and representatives..." against introduction of the plan for further consideration by Congress.

Special note was given to recent attempts to use relief agencies in the breaking of strikes. Strong appeal for unity among farmers, workers, and the middle class was voiced.

Wide Representation
Of great significance, according to League leaders, was the wide representation of the Congress. Among the 57 organizations which sent delegates or observers were 15 trade unions including both Committee for Industrial Organization and American Federation of Labor affiliates.

Firm opposition "to any militarization of youth, against enrollment in military training in schools, and against military leadership in the CCC camps," was voiced by a militant youth commission composed of 21 delegates from eight organizations. A Council of Youth Organizations to carry on an organized peace campaign was proposed by the commission.

Other Resolutions
Other resolutions included condemnation of the "use of unemployed as strike breakers," demanded the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law; called for repeal of all anti-picketing and anti-handbill ordinances; and memorialized the governor to free Tom Mooney.

Commenting on the Congress, Allan Metcalf, local secretary of the League, declared:

"We of the League are confident that as a result of this Congress the forces in Southern California which stand for peace and democracy — the professionals, business men, and religious groups — are desperately determined to unite in collective action for a real united movement to insure peace and to perpetuate democracy against all attacks, especially those from industrial fascism."

Elected as delegates to attend the National Peace Congress in Pittsburgh, November 26 to 28, were Mrs. Alice Orans, Mrs. S. A. Orans, Mrs. Beryl LaCava, Mr. Harry Braberman, Mrs. Rose Dreher, and Mrs. Rose Schayes.

Oakland Celebrates 18th Party Birthday

OAKLAND — The birth of the Communist Party organization in Oakland eighteen long years ago will be celebrated at Finnish Hall 1819 10th St. in Berkeley on Saturday, October 23rd. At 6:30 p.m. on this date, old timers and new comers in the party will gather around a banquet table and hear of the stirring events of those years. Fifty cents per plate is the cost for the feast with the whole family and neighbors invited.

Fascists Harried in Rome and Ethiopia

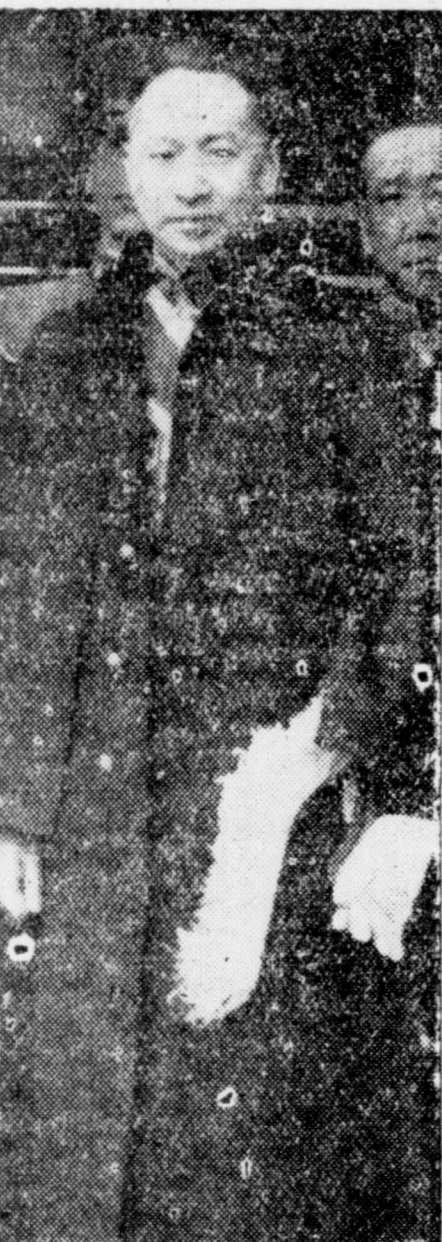
ROME — Mounting internal difficulties for Italian fascism came to the surface here with the sentence of 26 anti-fascists in the "Tribunal for Defense of the Fascist State."

The convictions were announced at the same time as official announcements seeking to minimize the extent of guerrilla insurrections of Ethiopians which had wiped out entire Italian garrisons in Ethiopia before being put down by a new wholesale slaughter.

The tribunal announced that the anti-fascists convicted were part of a "United Anti-fascist Front" of Socialists, Communists and Republicans. Sentences ranged from 18 months to 18 years.

Official announcements said that only 41 Italian officers and 17 soldiers were killed during the recent Ethiopian uprisings. Although this in itself was considered a certain minimization, no mention was made of the losses among native Libyan and Eritrean troops in Italian service.

League Warned



DR. WELLINGTON KOO, able Chinese diplomat, who told the assembly of the League of Nations that European and American commercial interests in the Far East are doomed if Japan conquers China in the present conflict.

SONORA GOVT UNDER ATTACK

Workers Demand Dissolution: Land Distribution

MEXICO CITY — Dissolution of the present government of the state of Sonora on the grounds that its governor, General Roman Yocupicio, has violated the constitution in denying labor its right of free association and subjected them to persecution, is requested of President Cardenas by the Federation of Workers of the State of Sonora.

At the same time the Sinaloa Federation at its congress proposed to the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) that nationwide demonstrations be held in protest against General Yocupicio for the attempt made on the life of Vicente Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the CTM, during his recent visit to Sonora. At the same time the Sinaloa Federation demanded that the government begin the partitioning of haciendas in the Yaqui and Mayo regions of Sonora, whose owners have suspended all work in an effort to induce famine which can be blamed on the federal government.

Governor Enrique Calderon of Durango was among leading Mexican political leaders supporting the condemnation of Yocupicio and his policies.

Non-Partisan League Explains Procedure

WASHINGTON — In response to inquiries from all parts of the country, Labor's Non-Partisan League has released a leaflet entitled on the procedure of establishing local units of the organization.

The leaflet sets forth in simple language the initial steps to be taken by individuals and organizations interested in forming league branches in "any city, county, township, legislature district or other political subdivision."

It calls for a meeting of interested individuals and organizations and the election of temporary organizations. Next it directs that a letter be written to the national office, Willard Hotel, Washington, requesting formal recognition. It advises that after formal recognition is granted, all local labor organizations should be contacted to invite their affiliation.

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

Diary of an American in Spain

Take Town Without Losing a Single Life

By ADDISON KEELER

Again we are riding twenty-four men and equipment in trucks. But this time our rifles are not placed in one pile; we hold them ready at hand and make sure of the safety locks, because every piece is loaded. And one man of our group carries a long bulky object carefully wrapped in a poncho, a Maxim light machine gun, a beautiful weapon.

No Smoking

Again we are riding but this time there's a difference. This time we know where we are going, even to the name of the Fascist town we have been ordered to capture. There is a nervous tension among the men; how many are asking themselves the question "How will I react under fire?" Only our Portuguese comrade who speaks no English and little Spanish is unconcerned—he soon falls asleep in the bed of the truck. Perhaps he doesn't know we are going into action that very night or perhaps he doesn't care.

Our truck has left the highway now and bumps slowly and without lights along a road which threads its way among sharply rising foothills. No smoking. At times we pass other trucks loaded down with artillery pieces and ammunition, a long line of ambulances, dozens of tanks. The Brigade means business!

When we finally stop and climb out we have arrived at a river and a railroad track. We are marched down the track to the foot of a high hill up which men are climbing in single file.

Held In Reserve

Must be very close to the front now—the sound of rifle fire is sharp and clear. Unaccountably we are marched back down the track, back on the road, away from the front. The Gods at G. H. have ordained that we be held in reserve during the first two days of the battle.

"Come on, Western Worker, have a grandstand seat," invited Brad. And what a grandstand seat it was! We were in trenches on the brow of a high hill, from behind which our artillery rained a hail of shells upon the defenses of the besieged fascist town.

Before us lay the panorama of the battle: in the center, a vast plain which stretched with-out a break from our vantage point five hundred meters on

the outskirts of the town (direction almost due north); on the right, a distant line of hills (where lay the trenches from which we had been marched away on the previous night); to our left, more plains, here and there broken by low hills; in the far background hills rising behind the fascist town. Of the town itself, nothing was discernible except for one building with a tower standing on an elevation.

Fascists Fortified

"That's the church which the fascists have converted into a fortress," explained Brad, who had had access to field glasses. "On the left of the church, that black line there, is a cemetery also fortified. The fascist trenches lie directly in front of it. The town is in the hollow behind—on the one side of the river which we came to last night." Far down the plain it was possible to make out small black specks in motion—our advancing infantry—but whether of the Lincoln-Washington, Dimitroff or Spanish, it was impossible to guess.

Loyalist Squadrons

Over our heads at regular intervals whistled the shells from our artillery, sounding for all the world like gigantic sky-rockets in flight. Where they fell near the fascist fortifications arose great dust clouds, followed a few seconds later by the sound of the explosions. "Here come our bombers!" A squadron of Loyalist bombing planes winged across the sky and deposited their "eggs" near the town.

Great geysers of smoke and yellow dust shot high in the air; the noise of the explosions was repeated and tremendous. "We've got the technical equipment with us this time and no mistake!" The fascists won't be able to take much more of that bombing!

By nightfall our men had occupied the fascist trenches and reached the outskirts of the town. Under magnificent cover fire from artillery and aviation they had performed the dangerous and courageous feat of advancing five hundred meters over open ground—with hardly the loss of a man!

WISCONSIN COUNCIL

MILWAUKEE — Unions with a total membership of 90,000 are represented in the permanent Wisconsin Industrial Union Council covering the whole state.

Widowed by Japanese Bomb



THIS CHINESE woman, widowed by a Shanghai air raid, hurries toward the International Settlement balancing a pole supporting the basket holding her baby and a bundle containing her possessions.

Soviet Citizens Pick Boards To Rule December 12 Voting

MOSCOW — District and precinct election boards are now being selected throughout the Republics of the Soviet Union.

The excitement attendant on these preliminary details is but a prelude for that expected when nearly 100,000,000 Soviet citizens go to the polls on December 12 in the first general election ever to be held in the Union.

The elections, to be held by secret ballot, are the result of the recently ratified Soviet Constitution.

All Soviet organizations, unions, cultural, social and sports clubs, collectives, the Communist Party and Young Communist League are permitted to nominate citizens for the local Soviets and the All-Union Soviet.

Members include Peter G. Moskatoff, Central Council of All-Union Labor Federations; Professor Otto Schmidt, celebrated Arctic explorer, Professional Union in Education and Science; George Malenkoff, Professional Union of Political Education; representatives of the Communist party and Young Communist League, the Soviet Air League, two collective farms, two factories, the Pravda editorial department, the Union of Soviet Writers and various other organizations.

Many Countries to Join Celebration of Revolution

MOSCOW — Fourteen countries will be represented by delegates to the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the October Revolution.

David Lasser, chairman of the Workers Alliance of America, will lead the delegation from the United States. Among other American delegation members are Mother Bloor, famed working class leader, and Andrew Onholt, chairman of the legislative committee of the Farmers Union.

Great Britain, Spain, France, Mexico, Czechoslovakia, Canada,

Japan Strategy Foiled By Superior Aviation, Morale of Defenders

Nipponese Plan Merciless Slaughter of Civilians As China Troops Block Advance on Three Fronts

As the war in the Far East progresses the most notable revelation concerning Japan's supposedly "invincible" military machine has been the surprisingly inadequate strategy employed by the Japanese general command.

Foreign commentators are almost unanimous in believing that the blind adherence to strategy of the type employed in the World War is responsible for much of the difficulty the Japanese imperialists have encountered in their invasion of China.

Original Strategy

The original Japanese plans called for the capture of Peiping and Tientsin followed immediately by the driving of a mechanized wedge westward into Shansi province and the consequent division of China and the disruption of Kuomintang's defense plans.

Chief among the Japanese blunders in the early stage of the war was their underestimation of the popular unity of the Chinese people, a unity which has at the present put a stop to the westward drive.

Secondly, the Japanese general staff counted upon the loyalty of the Manchukuan and Mongol armies to protect their northern front from the possibility of Soviet action.

Both of these blunders have been costly. Since the capture of Tientsin the Japanese have won only one important victory in North China. That was the capture of Nankow pass, effected at the cost of terrific losses in both men and machinery.

Outmaneuvered By Chinese

While their troops have continued their advance to the South the policy of the 29th Route Army here has been to drop back without a major engagement, thus drawing the Japanese troops further and further from their base and opening the way to a pincer attack from the Chinese army in the West.

On the second of the Northern fronts the Japanese army has been stopped cold by the 8th Route Army (formerly the Chinese Red Army). Here under the leadership of the veteran Chu Teh, the 8th Route Army has employed much the same tactics, allowing the advance guard of the Japanese army to isolate itself from its base and then surrounding it and cutting it off from aid.

According to latest dispatches this strategy has placed the entire Western Japanese army in a very difficult position and has completely broken up the so-called "Shensi wedge" which so delighted Tokyo theorists a few weeks ago.

On the third of the Northern fronts the Japanese general staff's misjudgment is likely to prove still more costly in time. There have been constant revolts among the Manchukuan, Koreans and Mongolian mercenaries. The Japanese now have so little confidence in their "allies" that they have been forced to deploy several hundred thousand of their picked men in the Northern provinces to keep down revolt. This has put a serious cramp in their "civilizing" plans for Central and South China.

Slaughter of Civilians

Disgusted by the slow development on the Northern fronts and well aware that Japan's internal structure cannot bear the weight of a protracted campaign, the general staff devised a new and "novel" tactic—the unprincipled attack on civilian Shanghai and the ruthless bombings of Nanking and Canton.

The invasion of Shanghai has three purposes: (1) to keep the best Chinese troops in the South and thus hinder the Chinese defense in the North, (2) to disrupt the financial center of China and blockade at least half of the nation, and (3) to lay the base for the attack and capture of Nanking, the capital of Nationalist China.

From a military point of view these objectives are logical enough, and as the Japanese bandits have no "democratic" scruples as to the number of civilian lives lost in such a campaign they launched it with extensive and murderous air raids on the centers of population, hoping by this means to terrorize the populace and provoke dissension in the Chinese ranks.

Morale Heightened
It is becoming increasingly apparent that precisely the opposite result has been produced; given a foretaste of the kind of "mercy" they may expect from the Japanese war lords in case

of defeat, the Chinese people have rallied to a man to the standard of Chiang Kai-shek.

The Japanese operations around Shanghai have been notably costly and at present seem to have been equally unsuccessful. One reason for the very limited progress they have made around Shanghai is the tactical backwardness of the directing staff.

Japanese generals insist that infantry attacks may only be attempted after a preliminary artillery barrage. This tactic, proven ineffective save under special conditions during the world war, has been extremely unsuccessful in Shanghai.

Chinese Advantage

There are far too many narrow and crooked streets in Shanghai for heavy artillery to be very effective, and the Chinese have taken full advantage of the terrain to defend their positions with strategically placed machine gun nests. In street fighting artillery is practically useless save for the noise it makes.

However, it is not at all impossible that the Japanese may ultimately achieve their objectives around Shanghai. Because of the unique position of the Chinese railroads in this sector such a victory might have very serious consequences.

The railroad lines feeding the Shanghai area form a triangle with Nanking at the vortex and Hangchow as another point of resistance. Within this area live some 5,000,000 people. The information has already been received in Shanghai that Japan intends to send a bombing fleet of over 300 heavy planes for the purpose of sweeping this area of every human being and bringing about the complete capitulation of the Nanking government.

Favorable Factors

The Japanese imperialists are no doubt ready to go to the most brutal lengths to capture this area. Only the strongest protests against this unprincipled murder of millions of innocent civilians will halt the plans for this massacre.

However, the arrival of many new and superior planes at Chinese aerodromes may force Japan to curtail her bombing activities. These planes, according to all accounts, are greatly superior to Japanese planes.

If the Chinese armies are thus enabled to make a bid for supremacy in the air, the plans of the Japanese general staff may very well collapse and throw the entire Japanese campaign into a very difficult position. So far they have suffered tremendous losses on the ground and if these catastrophes are repeated in the air it may spell a rapid end of the South China expedition.

A final feature which has greatly strengthened the Chinese defense has been the close cooperation effected between Nanking and the Chinese Soviet areas. Chou-En-Lai, one of the principal political leaders of the Soviets, is at present in Nanking where his counsel carries a very strong weight with the Kuomintang government.

Oakland CIO Votes Boycott of Japan

OAKLAND — A resolution favoring a nationwide boycott on all financial transactions with Japan and a boycott on all Japanese goods, was unanimously passed by the CIO Industrial Council here at its regular meeting last Monday night.

Another resolution condemned the closing of WPA projects in the San Joaquin Valley in order to force project workers into the fields at scab wages.

Negotiations with newspaper publishers for settlement of the news vendors' strike, are being conducted by Sam Kagel, of the Pacific Coast Labor Bureau, E. E. Ward, council secretary reported.

Write-in What You Think to The "Western" Editor!

China Asks League Aid Against Gas and Disease

GENEVA — Poison gas and dum-dum bullets, and possibly disease germs, are being used by Japan in its invasion of China. Chinese delegates here charged in making a request for the dispatch of foreign health officers to help check epidemics.

Cholera is already spreading in the wake of the war devastation, the delegates said. The danger of pneumonia, plague, small pox, meningitis, dipther-

ia, scarlet fever and malaria is increasing among the homeless and ill-fed civilian population of Shanghai and other beleaguered cities.

The Chinese statement and request, accompanied by statements from Red Cross and League of Nations medical officials in Nanking that Chinese soldiers were found suffering from effects of poison gas, was presented to the League by Dr. Victor Hoo.

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Do the Sailors Want to Buy the Brooklyn Bridge?

ACCORDING to legend the city slickers who inhabit New York regularly sell the Brooklyn Bridge to visiting rubes.

But it took a small-town man with a small-town mind like President Green of the American Federation of Labor to try to put over an even more phantastic transaction on the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. The Brooklyn Bridge is small change to Mr. Green. He offered the sailors jurisdiction over King Neptune and if submarines were used for commercial purposes he would have thrown Davy Jones in under a special charter.

He offered them national jurisdiction after the seamen on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts had repudiated, overwhelmingly, him and his stooges. He offered the sailors jurisdiction over all unlicensed personnel when unions of a cooks' and stewards', and black gang men are already in existence.

He offered them something he KNEW he did not HAVE THE POWER to GIVE.

In other words, Mr. Green was too anxious and in his anxiety he slipped like many another man.

Compare this strip-tease of Green's with the calm and reasoned proposition made by John L. Lewis for the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Lewis made no promises. He frankly told the Sailors that if they come in they would retain control of their own affairs and in addition would have a better opportunity of cooperating with brother unions in the industry, most of whom are either in the CIO or on the way, in forming a National Maritime Federation.

That is a statesmanlike offer. All affiliation to any labor federation can offer is the closer solidarity of other unions and the better opportunity to cooperate with them for common objectives. These purposes are best served by the CIO today. Lewis did not stop at generalities but invited the Sailors to participate with other maritime unions in the January 17 conference.

We urge the Sailors to think it over and cast their lot with the CIO. If anything were needed to supplement the open record of the past two years, the two answers from Green and Lewis did that.

A Right in the Soviets; A Fight in America

FEW FACTS have impressed visitors to the Soviet Union so much as the lavish care with which the workers' government treats young people, from the cradle on.

Education is free. Medical attention, food, clothing shelter—these things are basic rights for the children of the Soviet Union. If they become ill or tired, the best rest homes and sanatoriums are for their care, and available to them.

This is socialism, administered by the government of socialism. This is one of the inalienable rights won by the October Revolution of 1917.

But did anyone in America—in particular, anyone in the agricultural or working class districts of the West Coast—think it unusual when the health superintendent of Arizona said the other day:

"I regret to report that there appears to be an alarming degree of malnutrition among school children in Arizona. This condition could be corrected in part by supplying of adequate and wholesome lunches. . . There is a grave doubt that many of the children in our schools receive as much as one whole—some meal a day."

Food for thought, this. The unusual thing, so far as America is concerned, is not that such conditions exist, but that officials should say so.

The fight for that one meal per day, and for three meals per day continues.

But let us recall as well that the guarantee of it, the attainment of the means for the health and happiness for children as an inherent right, can be guaranteed under socialism. It can only be won as a concession from capitalism.

Four Candidates Who Merit Election to Public Office

THE PEOPLE of San Francisco and the working class in particular has every reason to examine the records of the 22 candidates for supervisor very closely indeed.

The Communist Party has examined their records, and their promises. It has found four worthy: Anita Whitney, George R. Anderson, Marjorie January and Herbert Nugent. Anita Whitney is the candidate of the Communist Party itself. The three others

are conducting independent campaigns and have won the support of numerous progressive, civic and labor groups.

What is their claim for support? What differentiates them from the other 18 who seek the offices?

Anita Whitney is well known for a lifetime of struggle against such denials of constitutional rights as the California Criminal Syndicalism Act. Wherever the workers have gone on strike for higher wages or better working conditions, there her sympathies and help have been.

George R. Anderson has distinguished himself in the fight for labor and civil rights. As an attorney he has defended numerous workers without fee, and has won the undying hatred of entrenched reaction in doing so. His prominence as a labor attorney now calls to mind the fact that he also stood up for workers in the terror-ridden San Francisco courts on July 1934, when nothing short of real courage and conviction could have been responsible.

Marjorie January is a leader of the League of Women's Voters, an active fighter on the consumers' side against the high cost of living. Such a voice is badly needed on the board of supervisors.

Herbert Nugent's activity in the Workers' Alliance and as secretary of the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act has brought him to the forefront of the fight against reaction.

The Western Worker calls upon the people of San Francisco to elect these four to office, and with their election to sweep out a large portion of the corrupt Rossi machine.

Will Green "Fish or Cut Bait?"

WILL THE American Federation of Labor executive council representatives "fish or cut bait" at the unity conference with Committee for Industrial Organization spokesmen?

Will William Green, Matthew Woll, John P. Frey & Co. take part in the building of a modern labor movement based upon industrial unionism in the mass production industries?

The answer to these questions will not come from these gentry of the AFL, though their lips may unwillingly give satisfactory answer at some future date. Let no one be deceived—no small boy accompanied his father to the wood shed more haltingly than are the AFL delegates going to the unity conference with the CIO leaders on Monday, October 25, in Washington, D. C. The AFL executive council has not abandoned its reactionary and splitting program of the Denver convention, but has only been placed in a more defensive position due to the initiative taken by the CIO in seeking unity.

There is only one obstacle to real unity in the ranks of labor, which of necessity means unity on the basis of industrial unionism in the mass production industries, as stated by the CIO. The lone barrier is the AFL executive council, which seeks to thwart the will of the AFL (and CIO) membership for unity.

This barrier can be surmounted or brushed aside—by the membership of the American Federation of Labor. Every union, every AFL member should send telegrams, air mail letters, etc., to the AFL executive council in Washington, demanding that the AFL representatives not leave the unity conference until unity has been achieved on the basis of industrial unionism in the mass production industries.

The "15 old men" of the AFL executive council must not be allowed to stand in the way of one united labor movement of some 8,000,000 members—and a perspective of 10 per cent union organization throughout the nation, a powerful labor organization nearly 40,000,000 strong.

An Epitaph for Charles Fickert

"HERE LIES Charles M. Fickert; forever lives Tom Mooney!"

This line is the story of an epoch. For in Fickert and Mooney were epitomized the forces of oppressive greed and struggling humanity, interlocked in mortal conflict.

Twenty years ago, it seemed that Fickert had won. Tom Mooney went to prison.

Today, the whole world knows it was Fickert who lost.

In those twenty years, insuppressible truth has robbed the prosecutor of Mooney of every vestige of integrity or good name, while his victim, ageing and ill behind the walls of bleak San Quentin, has become a symbol of heroism and nobility, a bright star in the night-sky of martyrdom, a honeyed name on the lips of every toiler.

The friends of Mooney are myriad. They come from the fields and work benches and the shops and schools of every land—humble folk, dauntless folk, inspired folk with the vision of a better world.

The friends of Fickert are none. Not even Pete McDonough, with whom he conspired to secure the freedom of wealthy clients, stood by to watch him die. So despicable and hated did he become that his own wife, after bearing him three children, divorced him before death shut off his ugly life.

Demagogues may eulogize and unctuous mourners weep, but as the body of Charles M. Fickert descends into the earth a note of exultation may well be uttered by men who sweat and burn for mankind's sake.

The demise of Fickert is part and parcel of the demise of everything he stood for. It too is slowly dying—a hated thing, despised on every hand. It too will pass away unremembered.

And in its place will live a new world, the world for which Tom Mooney was sent to prison.

THE RED SQUARE WITNESSES THE REVOLUTION OF 1917

By VSEVOLOD IVANOV
(Continued from last issue)

The year 1917 is the world known historic dividing line in the entire development of this enormous land. The autocratic "prison of nations" became the land of inviolable amity. After a brief rule of the bourgeoisie, the rule of the landowners was supplanted by the dictatorship of the proletariat. The land of capitalist and feudal landlords became the great land of socialism. The land, whose government strangled everything living, became the land of unheard of technical and cultural progress. The land of the "international gendarme" became the beacon land of all progressive humanity.

And the Red Square—the Square of the priests, drinking dives, torture and execution, church processions and murder of toilers—became the world-wide forum of progress, the scene of gigantic manifestations of international solidarity of labor. The place where mighty hymns of the new, socialist era sounds.

On the evening of October 27, 1917, the Revolutionary Military Committee ordered the

canopy surmounts it all. The column approaches. Banners are lowered. The brass instruments cry out the grief of a funeral march.

Lenin mounts the platform. There is as yet no radio. Complete silence takes its place.

(The Western Worker presents Vsevolod-Ivanov, one of the Soviet Union's best and best loved writers, who describes the caravan of Russian history as it moved through Red Square. It is a brilliantly written history, the major portion of which is devoted to Russia since the revolution. We offer to our readers as an absorbing explanation of events since the Revolution of 1917 whose twentieth anniversary will be celebrated next month.—ed.)

Lenin's voice rings now, not only over the entire Red Square, but over the entire planet . . .

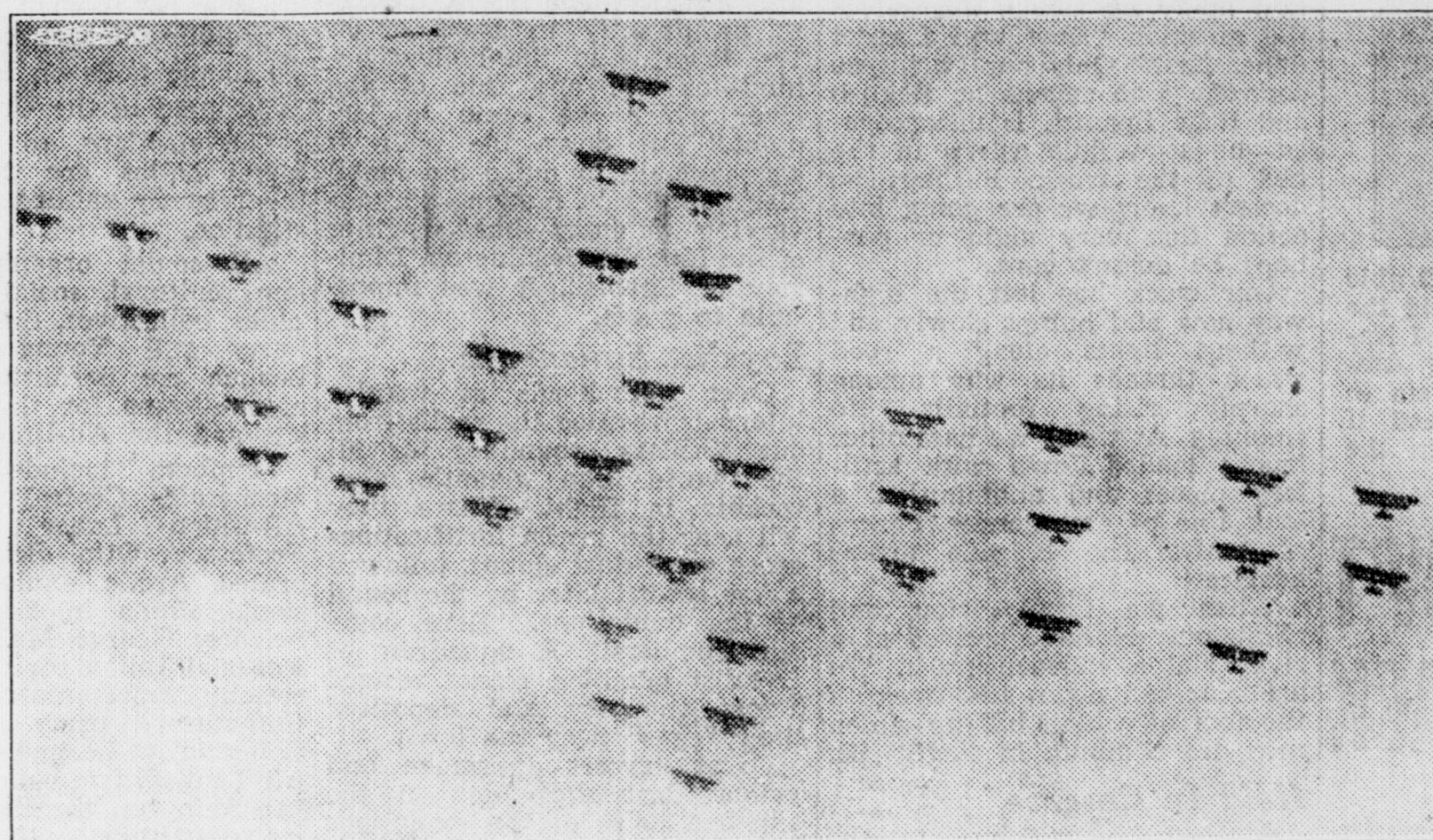
THE COLUMNS are marching. The Red Army men, chemical brigades, cavalry, stevedores, the

Foreign guests are surrounding Lenin. Columns upon columns march in a ceremonial parade. Moscow is greeting the world's proletarians, who have finally understood her, and who will hereafter march in the same columns as those on the Red Square, now marching and cheering Lenin, Stalin, their comrades and co-workers . . .

May 1, 1919. In the parade on the Red Square there is a tank, captured from the interventionists on the Southern Front. The Red Army men demonstrate the tank. Here is what one of the newspapers of that period had to say:

"With great interest the workers watched the rapid movements of that curious monster." Whoever would have thought that 15 years later, on the same Red Square, the parade would include 500 new tanks, built in our own factories, by the same workers who had so interestingly studied "that curious monster?"

Lenin is rising upon the speakers' platform to greet the Moscow and International Proletariat. He reminds them of what happened a year ago, when they were celebrating the first of



Khamovniki Barracks to send a detachment of troops to occupy the Kremlin, an important strategic point. Three hundred soldiers of the Dvinsk Regiment, who had recently been liberated from jail by the masses, passed through the city and marched into the Red Square. The Junkers' machine guns raked them with a deadly fire. But they attacked, captured the machine guns and bayoneted the commander of the Junkers' machine gunners. They broke through to the building of the Moscow Soviet, but they were unable to capture the Kremlin.

Two days later, after vain attempts to get the Whites to surrender, the Red artillery bombarded the Hotel Metropole, the City Hall, and the Kremlin. The Marianne Arcade bristled with machine guns. The Red Square was now attacking the Nicholas Tower with Gaubitzers and light artillery. But the guns were overshooting the mark. Steinberg, a Bolshevik astronomer, checked over the trajectories, and the shots no longer flew wide of the mark.

On November 2, the revolutionary detachments broke

Red Presnya (a proletarian section of Moscow, with a long revolutionary record. V & V). Many of them were just returning from one front, many were ready to leave for another . . .

Moscow itself is full of unrest. The priests are howling. Then Mensheviks and Social-Revolutionists are constantly sabotaging. Officers were concealing arms. Every day brought new discoveries of White conspiracy—new caches of hidden arms were found daily. In the Far East Japan landed the first of her armies. The Germans were descending upon the Ukraine. The bread giving districts of the country were cut off from Moscow. The city workers and dwellers had to get bread rations—half a pound a day. Schools were unheated and cold. Both the teachers and the pupils wore overcoats during class sessions . . .

Nevertheless, in November, on the Red Square, were automobiles full of children, the automobiles transformed into flower beds, the children laughing happily. These children are today serious citizens. Some are engineers; some are army officers;

May. And truly, many changes did take place. A year before, the country was threatened by overthrow, Lenin reads to the people a telegram just received, reporting Sebastopol cleared of the French intervention soldiers.

Lenin reminds them of Kolchak's threats. What remained of those? The latest reports from that front also, enable Lenin to affirm that victory is near. Tens, hundreds of thousands of workers and peasant fighters leave for the front—For months Voroshilov has been all over the Don Steppes. Glory covered Bluecher's volunteers. Boudenny many times confounded the plans of the White officers. Chapayev raised his daring sword . . .

Yes, the Soviet Metropolis, growing up around the Red Square, around the ancient Kremlin Walls is totally different. A new, Soviet humanity has come upon the scene. Many were those who died upon the battlefields. Here again is a new fraternal grave. The victims of an explosion, where the members of the Moscow Committee of the Party perished.

A little further off, on a



EYES SKYWARD. Foreign attaches watch an aerial display over the Red Square.

through into the Red Square. The Kremlin of the Czars fell. The Red flag of the Revolution triumphantly flew over the ancient fortress.

The Moscow proletarians tenderly and carefully lowered the bodies of their fallen brothers into a great, fraternal grave, right close to the Kremlin walls. They fell on the Red Square during the October days. They rest on the Red Square today. The mournful procession passed through the Iverskaya Gate, the very same gate through which the Red Guard broke into the Square, now the Soviet Red Square. The caskets, dark red and heavy, were slowly lowered into a common grave. The banners, lowered over the grave, inspired faith and courage.

November 7, 1918. The great column of proletarians, having just unveiled the obelisk of liberty at the Soviet Square, is marching toward the Kremlin walls. The Red Square is flooded with people. Lenin is at the head of this column. A great platform, high and very imposing, surmounts the still fresh brotherly grave. There are massed delegations, with bands and immense banners. A tremendous velvet

others are themselves teachers. Do they remember, how, in November 1917—the marvelous year—Lenin shouted to them his welcome:

"Greetings to the children of the Revolution!"

And with each coming year, grateful humanity will become more and more excited and enthusiastic over these heroic years which the whirlwind of time had so tempestuously carried over the Red Square. Those years, today expressed in cold monuments and legends in song.

Every one of the festivals on the Red Square is full of a peculiar, stern kind of beauty; full of wisdom and courage; full of most unusual faith in humanity. It is as though someone were able to ascend to the peak of the very highest mountain, look far into the future, come back and say to all the peoples of the earth: "Here is where and how you must go!" . . .

March 1919. The Red Square is celebrating the founding of the Third International. The Kremlin of the Russian Czars and Emperors has become the cradle of the fighting international proletarian association!

bitterly cold autumn day, we lowered into an untimely grave, the body of the fiery American journalist, John Reed, who understood early, the "10 days that shook the world." In 1925 we buried Frunze here, the magnificent military leader of the Proletariat. A year later, to his eternal rest, came F. Dzerzhinsky, the heart and sword of the Revolution. Later, the Soviet diplomats Vorovsky and Voikov, murdered by "civilized" bandits. They were followed by Lunacharsky, Menzhinsky, the tireless, fiery Clara Zetkin, the glorious Japanese Bolshevik San Katayama, and Kuibishev.

Here, on this Red Square, our country buried the beloved leader, the great orator, the priceless tribute of the people, Kirov, who perished by the most outrageous bullet of the Trotsky-Zinoviev counter-revolutionary murderers. Here rest the remains of the greatest Russian writer, M. Gorky, the bard of Socialist labor and Socialist culture . . .

The Red Square is the Pantheon of the New World. The (Continued Next Issue)

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

California Needs More Communists

THE ENEMIES of the people think there are already too many Communists in California. But the labor and progressive forces don't think so. We need more Communists to strengthen the fight for labor unity, for organizing the unorganized, for industrial unionism, for progressive trade union policies. We need more Communists to build the movement for independent, progressive political action by labor and its allies. We need more Communists in the fight against fascism and war, to build a People's Front. We need more Communists to win the majority of the working class for Socialism.

But the recruiting figures since September 1st don't indicate this. In our competition with the Chicago district we are trailing way behind. In the month of September, California recruited only 327 new members, as compared to Illinois' 661. Even the Seattle district passed us up, with 333 new members. In the first two weeks of October, incomplete reports show only 154 new members recruited in California, with either no reports or no recruiting from the following counties: Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, Merced, Contra Costa, Fresno, Tulare, and San Bernardino. The largest counties show only the following: San Francisco, 63; Los Angeles, 53; Alameda, 12; San Diego, 3. At this rate, we will not reach 4,000 dues-paying members by November 7th; and we will not reach our goal of 5,000 dues-paying members in California by January 1st.

A Call to Action

This is a call to action to every Party member, to every unit, section, and county organization, and to every Party fraction in the trade unions and other mass organizations. Before the National Congress of the best Party Builders, to be held in New York in November, we must organize more systematic and intensive Party recruiting, double the tempo of bringing new workers into the Party. We have not yet conceded defeat to the Chicago district! We intend to hold our place as the second largest district in the country!

Splendid Response For the Daily

IF THE Hearst press wants to know where our "Moscow Gold" is coming from, let them watch the Financial Drive for establishing a Daily Western Worker by January 1st. The splendid and enthusiastic response of thousands of California workers and middle-class people, Communists and non-Communists alike, has already raised by October 18th the record sum of over \$9,000 in the first five weeks of the drive, over 26 per cent of the amount needed by the first of the year. This represents hard and self-sacrificing work. It represents donations of day's pay by people who can ill afford it. It represents pennies and nickels and dimes and dollars of workers who keenly feel the vital need for a daily people's champion in the struggle against reaction and fascism.

Greatest praise is due San Mateo County, who reached 77 per cent of their quota and may be the first to reach their goal; also to Sonoma and Monterey counties, who are over 50 per cent. (Sonoma of "far-and-feather" fame, and Monterey, where the Salinas vigilantes proved that "it can happen here"). San Francisco has forged ahead splendidly, with 40 per cent of their quota.

Los Angeles electrified the entire district with its magnificent response at their October 7th membership meeting, where over \$4,000.00 was brought in; they are closely on San Francisco's heels, with 34 per cent of their quota, and they are driving hard to make it \$10,000.00 by November 7th. Other counties which are ahead of schedule: Merced, 46 per cent; Tulare, 41 per cent; Santa Clara, 41 per cent; Santa Barbara, 28 per cent; Alameda, 27 per cent. The other sections are trailing way behind. Other states involved in the drive outside of California have not even begun yet: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, and Arizona, although they should be as vitally concerned in the Daily Western Worker as California, because it will serve the entire Far West.

The drive must gather momentum and mobilize the entire Party membership, as only one-third of the membership has been active in the results already achieved. And it must be brought to the non-Party masses, above all in the trade unions. We also would like to see a broad discussion on the name of the paper, its size (tabloid or regular size), and suggestions and criticism for its improvement.

LETTERS

Always News in Bakersfield

Editor Western Worker:

I would like to enroll in your journalism course which is being started soon. There is always something doing here in Bakersfield, so I will be able to send you some pretty good news items in the near future.

I like the idea of a Daily Western Worker as it will be able to expose the things that the capitalist newspapers suppress with more ease than as a twice weekly.

Fraternally yours,

—E. A., Bakersfield, Cal.

SEEING RED with MIKE QUINN

THE MOSCOW subway makes the New York subway look like a sewer when one returns to compare it." Frank Lloyd Wright, America's most outstanding architect.

"You may not love Russia, you may not even approve her. But you can't—at this date—overlook her. She commands attention." William C. McCloy, in the San Francisco Chronicle.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS—Particularly those of Hearst—have long furrowed their typographical brows in burning worry over the welfare of Russia. Today their chief distress is the fact that the Soviet government will not permit murder, sabotage and double dealing.

The obvious answer is this: No Americans—not even those within the autonomous republics of Wall Street and Montgomery street—need trouble their minds about the crooked politicians and generals which are being shot in Russia. Those schemers and flingers cannot possibly do anyone any more harm. It is the crooked politicians and generals who are NOT being shot in the capitalist nations of the world who are still in a position to do plenty of harm. And they are doing that harm very efficiently. Those are the babies to worry about.

There may be a lot of controversial topics concerning the Soviet Union. But it is well not to lose sight of those matters which are NOT controversial.

Facts Are Stubborn

In twenty years, socialism has raised the USSR from one of the most backward in the world to one of the foremost industrial countries on earth. The welfare of the people has been improved more than 100 per cent. This is a fact beyond all dispute.

Now I don't want to criticize the capitalist papers too severely. As a matter of fact, I share very honestly their professed interest in the welfare of mankind. They are worried to death for fear the 170 million Russian people are not getting along all right. Apparently, they love mankind and the very thought of human suffering revolts them.

I want to help them in this crusade and see them make it effective. Now, as far as Russia is concerned, every graph, economic, moral, political, cultural or human, is on the up-grade. The whole history of Russia since the revolution has been one of constant, steady improvement. But there are other nations in which the crusading zeal of these capitalist papers is badly needed.

Take for instance the inaugural address of President Roosevelt, on January 20th of this year. Here is how he described America:

"In this nation I see tens of millions of its citizens—a substantial part of its whole population—who at this moment are denied the greater part of what the very lowest standards of today call necessities of life.

"I see millions of families trying to live on incomes so meagre that the pall of family disaster hangs over them day by day.

"I see millions whose daily lives in city and on farm continue under conditions labeled indecent by a so-called polite society half a century ago.

"I see millions denied education, recreation and the opportunity to better their lot and the lot of their children.

"I see millions lacking the means to buy the products of farm and factory and by their poverty denying work and productivity to many other millions.

"I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished."

THERE is a clarion call to a crusade worthy of the humanitarian zeal of the capitalist press. Who is responsible for this hideous harm and injustice? Surely no foreign invader could inflict more terrible wounds than these. Smoke them out, Mr. Hearst. There is a splendid task for your Soviet "famine" writers.

But you might as well ask a skunk to squirt on himself. These journalistic humanitarians wear out typewriter ribbons worrying because the 170 million Russians don't all have private baths. And meanwhile, their own feet smell to high heaven.

BEHIND the SCREEN with DON BLACKWELL

Hollywood.

A LOT of people who have been taking the fight of the Screen Writers' Guild lightly, are just now beginning to realize the tremendous significance of the battle. A victory for the Guild would give Washington and the National Labor Relations Board an effective wedge towards controlling the industry from a labor and fair-code practice standpoint which the studios have been fighting for years. Hence the presence at the hearing of the greatest array of legal talent ever assembled in west coast courts, all representing the producers and the company union Screen Playwrights, with the exception of Janofsky for the Guild and Walsh for the Labor Board. Introduction of nearly every bit of testimony during the hearing has been achieved only after hoarse and vociferous objections by attorneys for the producers, led by S. P. Council, Neil McCarthy.

So many objections have been voiced that it is estimated that if they were laid end to end, they would equal the figure of Louis B. Mayer's yearly stipend. Most of these objections have been overruled however, the producers receiving their saddest blows when they were ordered to submit secret financial details of their operations and when they heard the decision of Dr. David Sapos, chief economist of the NLRB, who testified that the studios are engaged in inter-state commerce.

These continuous objections on the part of the producer's attorneys are not for nothing. The producers expect to lose the NLRB hearing, but they want the objections in the record for court review, indicating they will appeal the Board's decision and spend a fortune if necessary to keep on appealing the case to higher courts.

NOTES OF THE WEEK: The Duke of Windsor, slated for Czar to represent Hollywood films abroad, is rumored to have lost his crown because he was too close to Hitler and is said to have written numerous pro-Nazi articles for South American newspapers. . . . The musical number, "Public Enemy No. 1," sung by Martha Raye, made up as a Negro in "Artists and Models," was cut out in most southern communities, but passed in the north. . . . Garbo's "Conquest," which the critics say is Boyer's, cost \$3,800,000, only a few dollars less than "Ben Hur."

The name of the mysterious German who says he is an expatriate, but is really reported to be a Nazi agent who came here on the pretext of being expelled to spy in studios and establish a propaganda mill, is none other than Reinhold Schunzel who directed the Nazi version of "Amphitryon."

A piece of news that the March of Time should dramatize, is the decision of the SAG that the former must abide by Guild shop regulations. . . . The \$500,000 Bank of America loan to Universal will make it a cinch for Giannini to get control of another studio. . . . After listening for an hour to Sam Goldwyn who kept telling him he was a genius, Sidney Kingsley finally said: "I see, Sam, you don't want to prostitute my genius by paying money for it."

'Iskra' the First Communist Paper

By JOE WILSON

IT IS NOT likely that many of the thousands who read the Western Worker know that the foundation of the modern Communist press is to be found in the work of a group led by Lenin, who in 1900, established the newspaper ISKRA. "The Spark" in Tzarist Russia.

In the Russia of 1900, the Socialist movement was in tumult. Parties, workers' groups and associations were springing up everywhere. They were formed almost overnight and expounded all manner of political ideologies. This great upsurge was a helter-skelter activity, loose and uncoordinated.

At this time, Lenin, more than anyone else, saw clearly the necessity of drawing together these vast but unrelated forces. He saw the need of forming one united movement able to give leadership to all the different groupings.

With a handful of other militant social-democrats, he undertook the imposing task of welding this scattered multitude of local and national groups into a unified force that would engage in struggle against Tzarist oppression and ultimately, for Socialism.

The First Step

The very first step these far-sighted leaders took was the establishment of a party press for all of the Russians!

In 1920, Lenin drew up a draft resolution for the editorial board of the soon to be ISKRA. That was 37 years ago, but let us look into the words he used at that time.

"DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD . . ."

"We are at the present time passing through an extremely important period in the history of the Russian labor movement and of Russian social democracy. All the evidence goes to show that our movement is in a critical stage.

"It has spread so widely and has struck such sound roots in the most diverse parts of Russia that it is now surging forward with unrestrained vigor to consolidate itself, assume a higher form and mould itself into a definite shape and organization.

"Indeed, the past few years have been marked by an astonishingly rapid spread of socialist ideas among our intelligentsia; and meeting this tendency of public opinion is the independent movement of the industrial proletariat which is beginning to unite and fight against its oppressors . . .

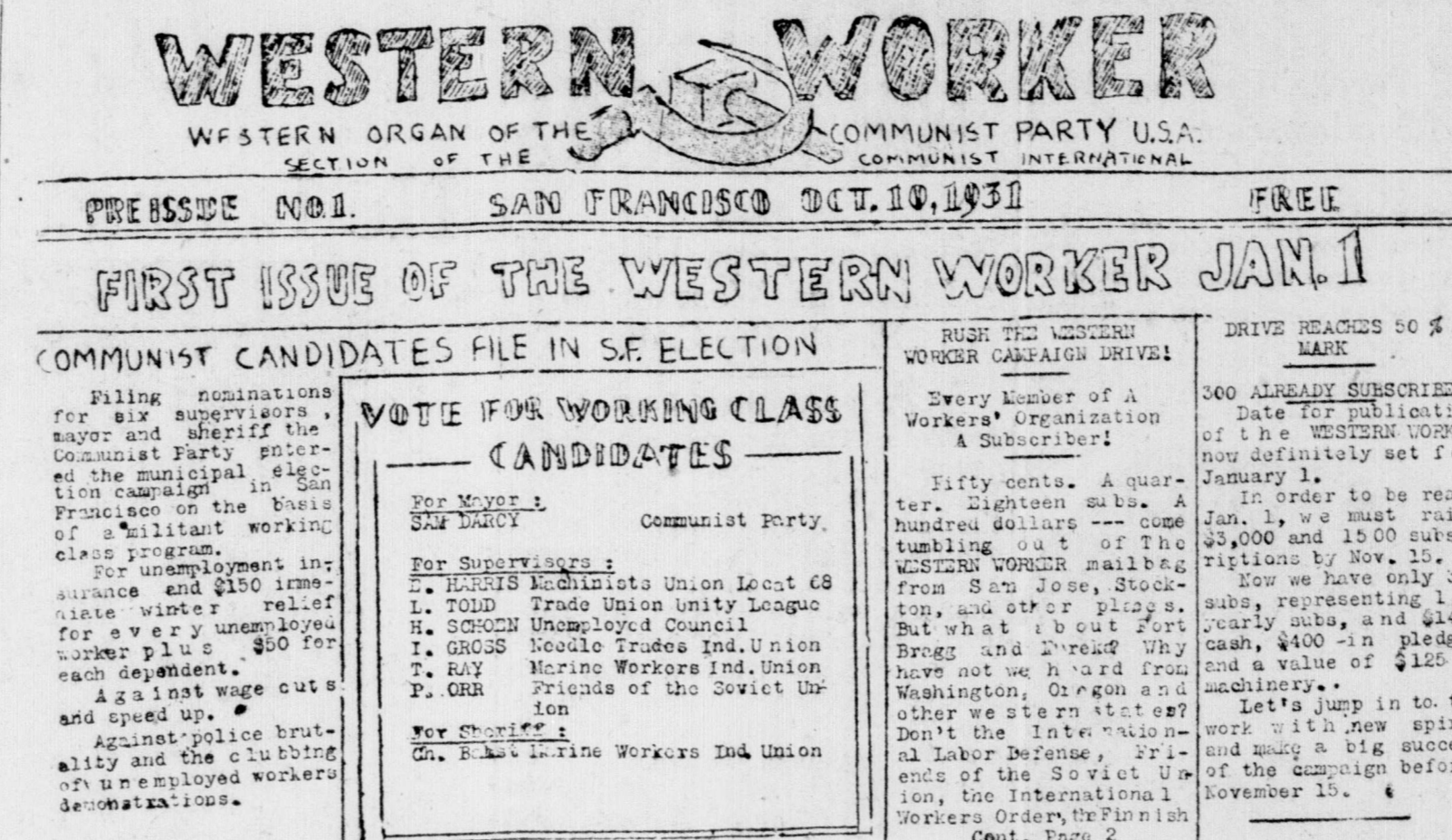
"Lenin then goes on to outline the Russian situation and to develop the idea of an All-Russian newspaper. He points out that only with a strong press could the Communists hope to build a strong, clarified movement out of the middle then existing. After pointing out the road to open political struggle, Lenin concluded:

"The establishment of an All-Russian organ of social democracy must be the first step on this road!"

A Startling Parallel

Read these few paragraphs of Lenin over again slowly. Of course, there are great national and theoretical differences. But substitute "American" for "Russian." Is it not true that the words might have been written by one of the American Party leaders just yesterday? Is it not true that the movement has grown "astonishingly" in the last few years? That it has struck "sound roots" in the most diverse parts of "America?"

Here, it must be pointed out to every reader of the Western



FACSIMILE of Page 1 of the mimeographed pre-issue of the Western Worker, to paraphrase an old saw, "much type has flowed under the m is head since that day."

Worker that the tasks facing us today are far greater in scope than those faced by Lenin's group. The burning questions of trade union unity, independent political action, war and fascism call for work on a scale far greater than at any other time in history.

Similar For Our Press

As it was the task of the Russian Communists led by Lenin in 1900 to unite all the revolutionary, liberal and progressive groups in Russia against Tzarism, so today, the American Communists are undertaking the task of uniting the same forces in America against fascism.

Can this be done? Certainly it can and will be. And the American Communist press will play a most important part in this work. It has already done so in France and Spain.

L'Humanite Leads Way

In the direct tradition of ISKRA, we find the central organ of the French Communist Party, L'HUMANITE leading the way in the mighty French People's Front. Its circulation has jumped from about 35,000 in 1933 to over 500,000 daily now. It publishes a special Sunday edition that runs to 2,000,000 on occasion!

It is the chief means by which the French Party reaches the great masses of people, by which it guides and guards the Front Populaire.

Mundo Obrero

Again in Spain we find the Communist press leading the way in drawing the heroic Spanish People into an impregnable front against Franco, Mussolini and Hitler. MUNDO OBRERO, "The Worker's World," first raised the question of the Spanish People's Front long before the present war. It paved the way for the present Negrin Government that has been so successful. It leads the campaign for a strong, centralized government; for a strong, united General Staff for the Army. Today, of all the papers in Loyalist Spain, it is the one most respected by communists, socialists, Anarchists and liberals alike.

First Communist Daily

In 1924, the American Communist Party founded its first daily, the New York Daily Worker. It has become a powerful champion for unity of labor, progress and liberty, but in this modern age of rapid, widespread communication, it alone cannot carry the burden that ISKRA did in 1900 Russia.

Therefore, the decision of the

Central Committee of the Party to establish TWO new daily papers to serve the American people, one in Chicago, one in San Francisco, is a decision that follows the words of Lenin when he said:

"The revolutionary press is our best collective agitator, educator and organizer."

The Daily Western Worker will become a powerful influence here too. Working hand in hand with its New York and Chicago brothers, it will help throw a glaring spotlight of truth upon the supervisory, un-American plottings of reaction, fascism and war-mongers. It will become a paper respected and valued by Communist, Socialist, AFL and CIO trade unionists, liberal and progressive alike. The Daily Western Worker will champion every cause of the people; will fight for and with the people in their every struggle.

The Western Worker, on its past record of struggle and because of its aims for the future, deserves the warm support of every progressive and democratic American, regardless of political, union or religious affiliation.

Following the tradition established by ISKRA and continued

by L'HUMANITE and MUNDO OBRERO A DAILY WESTERN WORKER will be one of the chief means of uniting the progressive and revolutionary forces of the American people into a solid wall upon which the fascists will break their heads.

Communists! Trade Unionists! Socialists! Progressives! Support the \$35,000 drive for a DAILY WESTERN WORKER! Do your part to build a powerful People's Champion of Liberty, Progress and Peace!

Spain Aid Group To Fete Novelist

LOS ANGELES — Ludwig Renn, Commandant of the International Brigade will arrive here this week.

Renn spent two and one half years in the prisons of Nazi Germany for his opposition to Hitler, and has gained a wide reputation as an anti-fascist novelist.

Honoring Renn as a fighter for Spanish Democracy, the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy is to give a banquet Tuesday, October 26, at the California Art Club, 1645 North Vermont Avenue, it was announced.

Grand Opera Opens With A Flourish and a Pfft!

By GEORGE BERNARD

SAN FRANCISCO—The grand opera season opened here Friday night with a work that had for its main theme an Ethiopian revolt. The ladies and gentlemen of the banking, shipping and industrialist class who filled the "diamond horseshoe" of the

SAN FRANCISCO—Edward Milne, 56, WPA worker, didn't go to the grand opera opening here last Friday night. He collapsed on the street shortly before curtain time, seriously ill and weak from hunger.

At Central Emergency Hospital attendants learned he had been starving himself in order to make his monthly pay check of \$55 cover the cost of butter, eggs and milk prescribed for his invalid wife.

War Memorial Opera House to capacity were unanimous in their applause of the undertaking. Ostrich feathers were a marked feature in ladies' hair-dress this year.

The Law of Conspicuous Waste

What amount of gold, silver, glass, colored stone, cloth, fur, flowers and chicken feathers it takes to make an opera is indicated in the accompanying box score.

The program omitted credits to the United Mine Workers, the International Ladies' Garment Workers, Textile Workers, Fur Workers, Poultry Workers, and allied crafts.

"DIAMOND HORSESHOE" BOX SCORE

Who Was at the Grand Opera and Who Wasn't and What They Wore

These Were: These Were Not:

FLEISHHACKER, Mrs. John Francis—Gold metallic Mainbocher model. Collar of diamonds ending in a basket of colored jewels. Gold accessories and gold ornaments in hair. White ermine wrap.

NEYLAN, Mrs. Herbert—Flame-colored robe de style. Decollete sickle-shaped in front and bell pail in back. Long Russian sable coat with kolinsky collar. Seal skin tiara.

KOSTER, Mrs. Leland Stanford Jr.—18th century king's blue satin model of Molyneux design in directorio mode, bouffant Empire skirt short and slit in front, with slight train. Grecian sandals encrusted with emeralds.

DINKELSPIEL, Countess Antonio-Schiaraparelli model black mousseline de crepe gown. Criss-crossing bands of rhinestones over fullness of waistline. Copper tiara with white feathers.

DOLLAR, Mrs. Frederick J.—Worth creation of silver metal cloth, tight-fitting rust crepe bodice. Embroidered silver flower in hair. Silver fox jacket.

GRACE, Mrs. J. Stanley—White gros de Londres. Silk Chanel model, skirt designed in three tiers. Coral clips at neckline. Ice blue cape with chiffon streamers.

NOTE: "Clothes make the woman," was the crisp way in which the capitalist press dealt with its own fashionables. But what clothes made whose woman in this case, your correspondent cannot swear to. The names and items listed in the left column above serve to give the composite box score. Both lists are much abbreviated.

Art Congress Exhibit on at Civic Center

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK

Canvases by local members of the American Artists Congress are now on display in the Veterans' Memorial Building museum of art in the San Francisco civic center.

The current exhibition is indicative of nothing so much as the wide range and disparity of the artists who have been brought together under the progressive, anti-fascist program of the Artists Congress.

Paintings range from the brutally satiric sketch, "Destiny of a Clown," by Bernard Zakheim to the mystic canvas of Matthew Barnes. This is, of course, healthy, for such a subtle form of expression as art does not thrive on unanimity of organization and technique. Controversy is necessary.

Detachment or Not

However, we might wish that many of these painters had applied their organization to subject matter a little less removed from the significant experience of our time. Detachment is a little outworn as an artistic philosophy.

Perhaps this is senseless grumbling; on the whole there were many excellent canvases, and it was refreshing to find so many points of view expressed within the flexible frame of the anti-fascist front.

Luke Gibney's "Despair" seemed to me a very impressive canvas featured by the simplicity and rhythmic content which has long distinguished the Mexican Orizont.

From a technical point of view Andre Rexroth's portrait of "Dorothy" is outstanding. Her composition far outdistances that of most of her companions in the show and her disposition of color is astoundingly stimulating. One might quarrel with the effectiveness of large planes of color in portraiture but, all in all, the canvas is very satisfying.

John Howard is represented by fairly good canvas, and Ralph Stackpole has contributed a very striking bit of work in plaster. Interesting works by Gladys Aller, Tom Hayes, Edward Biberman and a good many others are likewise presented.

The show runs until October 30.

Picasso Shown

Incidentally the museum of art (Veterans' Memorial) has a canvas by Pablo Picasso which alone is worth going up to see. Titled "Street Scene, Paris," it is from his earlier period and has much of the intensity of a good Daumier.

Picasso is at present exhibiting for the benefit of the Spanish Loyalists. This will come as no surprise to those who have seen the intensity of the sympathy he expresses for the oppressed and underprivileged. This canvas is an excellent example in point.

Who gives a damn department: Don Blanding, poet for the discontented dowagers who wish to dream of romantic escape and stickily unorthodox romance, will hold a "poetry afternoon" at Paul Elder's book store October 24.

It is presumed he will read his own verse to a throng of palpitating hearts and heaving bosoms. We won't be there, Mr. Blanding.

WORKERS' HEALTH

The Boon of Individualism In Medicine

By DR. FRANKLIN BISSELL

Whenever the phrase, "socialized medicine," is mentioned, the pious conservative members of the medical profession throw up their hands in horror and start screaming about how the poor patients would not get the excellent service that they are now receiving.

A writer in "Medical Economics," a conservative, little journal, describes a case of such excellent service, that could not happen under socialized medicine.

"Here's an example of what is happening in many localities: I was called to see a woman whose complaint was pain in the lower right abdomen. A young surgeon had been called previously, upon being told where the pain was, had paced back and forth with his hands in his pockets and had said 'You have an acute appendicitis and will have to go to the hospital.'"

"When the patient told him that she had not had an appendix for ten years, he countered with, 'Then it must be your bladder.'"

"I learned that this woman had been seen by a succession of four physicians during a six week period.

"She had a pyosalpinx, a condition that is easily diagnosed if the doctor makes any effort at it."

"Of course, the reason that the surgeon mentioned missed on his diagnosis is because he didn't care what the condition was if he could operate and get his fee. And, of course, the worst side of this is that we won't have the benefits of such practices under Socialized Medicine."

THAT DAILY PAPER

Sacramento Starts About Mike Marvos Monterey Notes

SACRAMENTO — Standing 13th in the Drive, held a membership meeting last Sunday. The meeting started slow, but before it was over, the comrades found their feet and tongues, and gave the past work of the county a real going over.

Concrete and practical plans were made for raising funds and recruiting. The County pledged to have \$300 raised by November 7th. The full quota is \$500. The Lodi Unit reported 63 per cent of their quota raised and 100 per cent collection of the day's pay.

Here's a look at Mike Marvos, the Sacramento Drive Director. An old timers remember Mike from the days of the Cherry Pickers strike at San Jose, in, we think, 1933.

MIKE is a hard working plugger and has always carried in his head a real understanding of the importance of our press. He entered the movement during the agitational stage of agricultural



MIKE MARVOS Sacramento Campaign Director

strikes, hunger marches, and unemployed work. During this time MIKE found out how hard a cop's club could be, what the inside of more than one jail looked like.

MIKE has grown with the movement, adapted his work to changing conditions and problems. Today, he is convinced that the tens of thousands of militant workers we reached in the last few years are only waiting for us to come to them again, and that our best way of doing this on a broad scale is with our Daily Western Worker Drive.

MIKE puts it this way: "Hell," he said, "There are many hundreds of people right here in Sacramento alone who, in the past, have belonged to the Party, the mass organizations, or have read the Western Worker. If we did nothing more than reach one-half of the people here that know of our movement and our press, we could raise our entire quota from them!"

Story

There are lots of stories about MIKE. Every YCL'er knows the one about the time MIKE climbed a pole in front of the Army and Navy YMCA on the San Francisco waterfront. The YCL was holding a meeting, the fleet being in the port and thousands of sailors ashore. One or two speakers were pulled off the stand and then MIKE went up the pole and started to speak. "Fellow workers . . . He didn't get far before a copper was whacking at his feet with a night stick. MIKE went up the pole . . . this is what free speech means . . . Whack! and up MIKE went. The soldiers and sailors cheered, the police called the fire department. Finally, they got MIKE down and carted him off to the jug.

When MIKE came up for a hearing, he found the charge to be one of a stick. MIKE went on up the pole . . . this is what free speech means . . . Whack! and up MIKE went. The soldiers and sailors cheered, the police called the fire department. Finally, they got MIKE down and carted him off to the jug.

Monterey County

SANTA CRUZ SECTION, with a quota of \$100, went over the top last Sunday with \$103.00 collected. Much of the fine show-day, SANTA CRUZ was awarded due to the hard work done by comrades A. MILLER and ANA B. Fine business, comrades, and we know you won't stop here!

At the MONTEREY COUNTY membership meeting held Sunday, SANTA CRUZ was awarded the "Traveling Banner" of Monterey County for their work in the Drive.

Monterey Graveyard

Resting peacefully in the Monterey Graveyard is SALINAS, ARNOLD ONE CENT RAISED FOR THE DRIVE. Deep beneath another slab of stone lies MONTEREY itself with ONE DOLLAR raised on a quota of \$50. Elsewhere in the marble orchard, CARMEL, with \$14.50 raised on a quota of \$100, struggles with one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel.

Quack! "Butch" blow the resurrection trumpet!

S. F. TO HEAR NOTED EDITOR NOVEMBER 6

Syndicalist Law Victims to
Speak on Soviet Anni-
versary Program

Clarence Hathaway, editor of Daily Worker, New York organ of the Communist Party, and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party will arrive in San Francisco November 5th, according to word received this week.

As the featured speaker, he will headline the celebration at Dreamland auditorium, Saturday



CLARENCE A. HATHAWAY

evening, November 6th, observing the twentieth anniversary of the Russian revolution.

Nationally Known

As editor of the Daily Worker, Hathaway built a national reputation and established the Worker as one of the nation's outstanding newspapers. Capitalist and Worker's press alike have accorded him recognition.

The November 6th celebration, planned in conjunction with the drive for a daily Western Worker, will offer other interesting features in addition to Hathaway's talk. A dramatic pageant, portraying the role of the Worker's press in defending the rights of the people, will be presented.

California's victims of the notorious Criminal Syndicalism law, recently released from the state's overcrowded, hate ridden prisons, will appear en masse. Frank Spector, County Secretary of the Communist Party will present briefly the case for a daily paper. Schneiderman, State Secretary of the Party will preside at the meeting, beginning at 8 p. m., and ending promptly at 10. A dance at 121 Haight Street will follow.

Caroline Decker to Speak

At L.A. Hathaway Meeting

LOS ANGELES — Caroline Decker, recently freed victim of the Criminal Syndicalism law, is scheduled to appear on the November 7th celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution to be held here in the Olympic Auditorium under the auspices of the Communist Party.

Miss Decker served approximately two and one half years in Tehachapi Prison for her work among agricultural workers in California.

Main attraction at the November 7th meeting will be Clarence Hathaway, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and editor of the Daily Worker.

Quill Elected President

NEW YORK—Closing its first national convention after the adoption of a constitution and many resolutions of a broad progressive nature, the Transport Workers Union (CIO) elected Michael J. Quill president.

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Costigan Confident of Seattle Defeat of Dore

W. C. F. Secretary Sees Beck Terror Driving All Support Away From Reactionaries

By TOM PATTERSON

Events have made Howard Costigan confident. The dynamic secretary of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, who paid a brief visit to San Francisco en route to Fresno, told the Western Worker:

1. That Mayor John Dore will be beaten decisively in the next election, and with him the racketeering "unionism" of Dave Beck.

2. The next mayor of Seattle will be endorsed by the Commonwealth Federation and will run on a platform including strict enforcement of the Wagner-Connery Act and will defend the right of small business men to refuse to enter "protective associations" of Dave Beck.

In a brief ten minutes before he hurried away for a meeting, Costigan gave facts, figures and details to explain why he thinks so, and why a progressive victory in Seattle will have an important bearing on politics of the entire Pacific Coast.

Progressives United
"First of all," said Costigan, "The Washington Commonwealth Federation is the undisputed major progressive political movement in Washington. There are no divisions. Its unity is solid. It might be called a Popular Front."

"This is the positive side of the picture. The negative side is that Dave Beck's tactics are virtually driving small business men to the Federation in self defense."

"Beck doesn't organize workers. It is his boast that he organizes employers and he admits that he does it by promising to guarantee their profits." How? Costigan cited two examples.

Chain grocery companies were first invited to form an association, establish its by-laws and enter into an "Agreement" with Dave Beck as to union conditions. Then small grocery dealers were invited in under the threat that if they refused they would be unable to hire union labor, their stores would be picketed by goons.

But to join they had to agree to 6 o'clock closing and other conditions which virtually destroyed their business and intensified the monopoly of the chains. And with Mayor Dore in his camp, Beck has the entire police department to force this condition down the throats of small business and workers alike.

Price raising is the inevitable accompaniment and Senator Schwelienbach recently said that it costs a third more to live in Seattle than in Washington, D. C.

Auto Dealers "Organized"

Auto dealers have been forced into the same lineup, with the results that trade-in values of used cars are one-third lower than the standard "blue book" prices and auto sales are being driven out of Seattle.

Against Beck and Dore, Costigan says, "labor forces in Seattle are the backbone of the Washington Commonwealth Federation." And while Beck with his goons and police keep many unions from taking official action, Dore won't even

allow them to do so.

Costigan pointed out the Old Age Pension Union, which the Federation sponsored and helped to build on the ashes of the crumbled Townsend movement. Today there are 20,000 old people organized in the state, on a program which fights for the immediate needs of the old people and which has already won enforcement of minimum old age compensation laws of the state.

Costigan pointed out that to defeat Beck in Seattle is to shatter whatever inroads he may have made in other parts of the West Coast.

"Seattle is in his base of operations. He has to have the freedom of the city of Seattle in order to entrench as labor's dictator on the Coast. If he faces defeat in the heart of his empire, then his grip will be broken."

"If he can't deliver agreements which he signs for workers, then his power is gone. And he cannot deliver them unless he has complete police protection for his goon squad."

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NEGRO PARLEY MAPS FIGHT FOR LIBERTIES

Delegates Urge Unity of
Labor as Weapon to
Fight Jim-Crow

(Continued from Page 1)

problems confronting the Negro people.

Clarence Hathaway, editor of the New York Daily Worker, addressed the symposium on war and fascism. He took issue sharply with a speech by Norman Thomas, Socialist Party leader, which warned that collective security "might lead to war."

Attacks Thomas

"We face reality," Hathaway declared. "There is war and there is fascism. Concretely our tasks are how to stop them from spreading throughout the world. All the pretty speeches will not make any difference unless backed by clear-headed action. Ultimately the decisive anti-war force is the peace-loving people of the world, but every force against war must be united now to stop the present reality of growing war and fascism."

"We have advocated for years—even as now—the unity of the Socialist and Communist Parties," Hathaway said, amidst a burst of applause. "We have advocated and still advocate the unity of the trade union movement."

In the concluding session Randolph was re-elected president of the Congress. John P. Davis was re-elected as executive secretary. Gladys Stone, young trade union leader, was chosen financial secretary, and U. Simpson Tate, of Washington, treasurer. Max Yergan, International Committee on African Affairs, director, and the Rev. William Jernagins, Washington, D. C., were named vice-presidents.

Numerous Speakers

Scores of people, both white and colored, prominent in national affairs, addressed the Congress. A message of greeting from President Roosevelt, tendering the congress his best wishes, was read to the opening session.

Among the many leading speakers were Dr. Harry F. Ward, chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism; C. S. Chang, Chinese leader and outstanding figure in the American Friends of the Chinese people; the Rev. William Lloyd Imes, New York minister; Dr. Maikaku E. Bayen, of the World Ethiopian Federation and personal representative of the Emperor Haile Selassie in America; William L. Patterson, who explained the peace policy of the Soviet Union; Norman Thomas, Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense; Edward E. Strong, leader of the national youth division of the Congress; Walter White, secretary to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Dr. Charles Wesley, professor of History at Harvard University; President F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Crystal Bird Fauset, Philadelphia Negro woman leader; Charles W. Burton, prominent Chicago attorney and John P. Davis, executive secretary of the Congress.

Before adjournment the Congress reaffirmed the stand on major policy which it took in Chicago last year.

Firemen Condemn Minority Paper

SAN FRANCISCO—The "West Coast Firemen," minority group paper just issued, was roundly denounced in a resolution adopted by the Marine Firemen's headquarters branch last Thursday night, with only two votes against the resolution.

The MFOV declared the paper was "against the best interests of the Pacific Coast firemen and the Maritime Federation of the Pacific," and denounced the paper's reactionary policies as "aimed at attempting to prevent seamen from voting on the CIO ballot and creating disunity between the branches and headquarters."

Francis Mulderig and Jack Tennant were expelled from the MFOV for assisting ex-Secretary J. E. Ferguson in packing a meeting of the union with non-members.

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Anti-Farmer Ruling Faces U. S. Supreme Court Test

He Looks the Same Coming or Going



AFTER William Green finished tuning and spouting about the CIO in his opening speech at the AFL convention at Denver, John L. Lewis replied that the millions of workers in America wouldn't rely on Green to organize the unorganized. "He looks the same coming or going," declared Lewis.

Issue Whether Bank
Can Attach Farm
Crop

SAN FRANCISCO — The United States Supreme Court has agreed to review a farm debt case upon which hinges the maintenance of the beneficent provisions of the Frazier-Lemke Bankruptcy Act to debt-ridden farmers, according to Harold M. Sawyer, attorney pressing the petition.

The case is known in the record as that of Adair vs. the Bank of America.

Mr. Sawyer, attorney for the State Farm Debt Adjustment Commission, said the case was of national significance for it was the first seeking to establish whether a bank, holding a crop mortgage, could attach a farmer's entire crop and, in effect, nullify the "breathing spell" provisions of the Frazier-Lemke Act.

Act Voided

Under the Act, a farmer who cannot meet his financial obligations is given a three-year extension to meet payments, and during that time retains title to the farm and its accessories.

The original ruling in the case by the Ninth District Circuit Court held that a mortgage could attach a farmer's entire crop.

"What good does it do to allow the farmer to retain his farm, which is the intention of the Frazier-Lemke Act, if he is deprived of any capital with which to operate?" asked Mr. Sawyer in commenting on the ruling. "Should this ruling remain as the precedent in such cases, the Act would be rendered meaningless insofar as any benefits to farmers are concerned."

Breathing Space Needed

Mr. Sawyer's petition contends that the act "is entirely unworkable unless a part, at least, of the gross operating revenues can be used to defray the costs of operation."

Summarizing the argument, the petition states:

"The period of rehabilitation is a 'breathing space' and the essence of a breathing space is opportunity to breathe; if, therefore, the supply of oxygen is cut off at the very start, the breathing space becomes nothing but a cruel illusion."

Associated with Mr. Sawyer is Representative William Lemke, co-author of the Act.

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See Unity Growing In Pedro

Teamsters, Longshoremen
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Joint Meeting

SAN PEDRO—"Real possibilities of unity, coming from the rank and file" were seen by Dr. A. A. Heist, CIO educational director, in commenting on a meeting of more than 500 members of the AFL and the CIO held here last Monday.

Represented at the meeting, which had been called to discuss labor unity in the harbor area, were longshoremen, warehousemen, and teamsters. Speakers were Dr. Heist and Lee Guyer, representing the American Federation of Teachers, AFL.

Sees Unity Developing

In a statement to the Western Worker, C. H. Jordan, CIO Industrial Council secretary declared:

"From attendance of the first unity meeting, which was attended by about 150 teamsters, it is evident that the rank and file of the teamsters wish to cooperate with the CIO."

"If a series of these unity meetings are held frequently, it will bring about a condition of unity."

Following talks from Guyer and Heist, the meeting was thrown open to discussion from the floor. Strongly voiced was a determination by rank and file members of unions to end the current warfare between the Teamsters' officials and the longshoremen.

Will Aid Truckers

It is reported that a well formed movement is underway in the Teamsters' Union to call a rank and file referendum on the question of affiliation with the CIO.

At the same meeting, longshoremen present voted unanimously to give both financial and moral support to the teamsters if they are forced to go out on strike when their contracts expire in the near future.

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Banquet Will Say Goodbye To Surgeon

Dr. Eloesser to Leave in
Advance of Other Volunteers
for Spain

SAN FRANCISCO — Dr. Leo Eloesser is scheduled to leave for Spain, possibly within the next week.

This announcement was made by the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, together with the notice of a banquet in his honor Sunday night, Oct. 24, at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, 7 p. m.

Others to Follow

Dr. Eloesser will leave in advance of the full West Coast medical unit which he is organizing to take to Spain. Six additional members of this unit have already been selected. Two of them, Dr. and Mrs. Carleton Purviance, will accompany Dr. Eloesser immediately. Mrs. Purviance is an expert laboratory technician.

Other members who will follow are Dr. Franklin Bissell and three nurses, Miss Alice Elizabeth Wagner, Mrs. Mary S. Tranter and Miss Evelyn Andell.

Charles G. Norris, Kathleen Norris and Frederick Thompson, in addition to a large representation of the San Francisco medical profession, made reservations to attend the banquet.

More than \$2000 has already been contributed to finance the West Coast unit, the Medical Bureau announced, although a formal campaign has not yet been launched. A recent contributor to the fund is the Musicians' Union, which gave \$25.

Faced with a possible supervisory frown, charities department workers scurried about, promised food, milk for her children, and medical attention to Mrs. Beck.

But, according to department officials, she was not eligible for aid since she had not been a self-supporting resident of the county for the last three years, despite the fact that she has lived in Los Angeles for sixteen years.

Private charity agencies, the county department declared, were her only hope.

But on Tuesday a Workers Alliance committee went with her to the charities department. Committee members demanded to see Rex Thomson, county superintendent of charities, were told that he was out, threatened to take the whole case to the Board of Supervisors.

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ASK PROBE IN SACRAMENTO DELTA AREA

Beet Growers Get Federal
Subsidies and Exploit
Field Workers

By Agricultural Worker

SACRAMENTO—The Agricultural Workers Union Local 33, affiliated to the CIO, has sent a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, in line with the Sugar Act of 1937 recently signed by President Roosevelt, complaining about conditions for beet workers in the Sacramento Delta.

This work is done through contractors, which helps the boss to get his work done at the lowest pay possible. The contractors are the medium to exploit the workers.

Miserable Wages
The worker receives \$5 and 50 cents an hour for thinning, 30 cents an hour for hoeing, 35 and 40 cents an hour for irrigating and 37, 40, 45 and 50 cents an hour for topping where one man tops and loads an average of seven to nine tons per day.

Through political influence, the large companies and wealthy landowners have brought pressure to bear on law enforcement officers to disregard the camps of the contractors, where the workers are boarded for \$1.10 a day per man. There is about 60 cents profit per man.

The State Board of Equalization has issued liquor licenses to these contractors, and when there is a large labor supply, the workers are forced to spend all their earnings with the contractors or else get fired.

Ask Investigation
The letter to Secretary Wallace urged that an investigator be sent to the Sacramento Delta area, and demanded that the workers be legally protected in their right to organize into unions, since the growers get government loans and subsidies.

The union believes the beet workers should get at least 50 cents an hour for hoeing, 55 cents an hour for irrigating, 60 cents an hour for topping, and \$10 an acre for thinning.

Oregon Workers' Alliance Preps For Convention

By a WPA Worker

SALEM, Ore.—Salem Local of the Workers Alliance has held no meetings for two weeks as most of the leadership are working nights in the canneries and most of the members are employed temporarily during the period of harvest.

The night shifts are beginning to close down now and the local expects to resume meetings again.

Send Delegates
Salem will have delegates elected to the convention at Redmen Hall on October 30, 31 and will also send as many to support them as possible.

The "Call and Tasks of the Third Annual Convention" will be presented to the membership. Mrs. Wyatt has been removed from the WPA administrative force in the Marion and Polk Co. Area. Mrs. Wyatt has continually talked of the discontinuance of WPA and has made no apparent effort to prevent curtailment of either funds or of personnel.

The Salem local would like to have Miss Ruth Haefner placed in this position. Word has not yet been received from Miss Haefner as to her willingness to accept the position.

Form New Local
Persons interested in the Alliance residing in Albany contacted members of Salem local at the Peoples' Power League meeting at Bonnevill. They requested members of the Salem local to come to Albany on the following Thursday to assist them in starting a local in Albany. Two members of the Salem local, A. B. Plummer and Madie Lippe, attended their meeting.

Marine Cooks Vote On Unity Parley

SAN FRANCISCO—A coast-wide referendum on the question of participating in the coming conference of maritime unions in San Francisco for the purpose of building national unity among unlicensed seamen, under the CIO, is now under way in the Marine Cooks & Stewards Union of the Pacific.

The unity convention will start January 17. The MC&S has already voted to affiliate with the CIO.

"Great Men"

By a Worker Correspondent
Here's to the ghost of Alfred Sloan. When, day of days, his soul goes home. He'll take one look at the Golden Hoard. Then give these demands to the Lord: "I want the key to the Pearly Gate. And, as usual, I'm not going to arbitrate. In the future I'll run this place alone. So hike yourself down off my throne."

What an awful fight that's going to be. Just God against Sloan and monopoly. —J. M.

Cotton Pickers Get Less in '37 Than Last Year

By an Agricultural Worker

CORCORAN, Kings County—The workers in this San Joaquin Valley are very disgusted with the wages that the bosses force on them. Picking cotton they get only 90 cents per 100 pounds, 10 cents less than last year, and the prices of the more essential things of life are higher.

Conservatively, there are 10,000 workers who, according to the last year's rate of pay, are losing about \$7000 monthly, and much more in paying cut-throat prices. Then most of the pickers are heads of large families, with many thousands of children of school age.

I think the Western Worker will be a big help in organizing these workers, if you give it a chance by adding to it one or two full pages in Spanish, and tell the workers plenty of what is happening in and around regions where they live and where they came from.

I send one dollar for the Daily Western Worker fund.

Sacramento City Official Tries to Imitate Mussolini

By a Worker Correspondent
SACRAMENTO—We are trying to determine whether Sacramento is a part of the U. S. or a colony possession of Germany or Italy. We were not sure whether we were talking to Hitler or Mussolini or Ray Oakley, assistant city manager. Being in the city hall office of Mr. Oakley, and hearing the words flowing from his lips, did have us fooled for a while.

Ignores Federal Laws
In our conversation on constitutionality of the city ordinance which prohibits free use of public parks to all labor organizations, and gives the city manager's office full power to determine who shall or shall not have the use of public places, Mr. Oakley stated the city of Sacramento, under the present charter, makes its own laws and doesn't have to abide by the laws of the federal government or state government.

Mr. Oakley, however, got big-hearted and told us the administration tries to pattern the city laws as closely as they can to those of the state.

As far as he or the city manager and the administration is concerned, says Mr. Oakley, they are going to follow the policies they have now, and not allowing any labor organization, AFL or CIO, or the Communist Party to use public parks or any public place for meetings of any kind.

We think it is time the people of Sacramento should have something to say about what laws the city council makes. The people before voting find out.

Candidates
1. How each candidate stands on civil liberties, free speech, free press and assembly, for all groups, including the Communist Party.

2. How each candidate stands on the anti-picketing ordinance.

3. How each candidate stands on election of representatives of the city administration, such as the Board of Education.

Speed-up Caused Restaurant Fire

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—Who ever wrote that saying, "Haste Makes Waste," surely said a mouthful. For example, on the afternoon of Columbus Day, business had increased at the Famous Riviera Restaurant at Stockton and Union Sts., so much that workers in the kitchen had not been sufficiently reinforced to take care of the tremendous business due to so many extra customers who had come to witness the parade, and also due to the fact that it was Sunday. The result was a fire in the kitchen.

Damage was slight but the loss was great as the establishment had to close-up and lost the patronage of many diners who come in the evening.

"RELIEF" \$3 PER MONTH IN ARIZONA

News Briefs on Struggles Of Miners and Small Cattlemen

By a Worker Correspondent
PHOENIX, Ariz.—It took the death of an aged Nogales worker to wake Arizona's Governor Stanford to the critical situation in the relief setup. E. S. Edmonson, executive secretary of the Santa Cruz County Social Security Board, reported the man died of starvation. Arizona papers called it "malnutrition."

\$3 Per Month
At a special conference here October 9, it was found the various counties had funds to provide an average of less than \$3 for October for each individual.

Here is the estimate of county officials on the money they can spend per individual in October: Santa Cruz, \$2 per person; Gila, \$3 per person; Apache, \$3.50; Yavapai, \$3 and similar estimates from Maricopa, Navajo and Coconino.

Already in Nogales, apparently worst hit by relief cuts, an application for a Workers Alliance charter has been airmailed to Washington.

Will Build Alliance
Several Nogales "unemployables" are ready to begin work building the local as soon as an answer is received from the Alliance.

Governor Stanford told the Social Security Board officials that he "might" find a way to give the counties more money. Workers in the state will soon be ready to see that he does.

Promise Betrayed
Over in Cochise County the Central Labor Council played false their repeated VERBAL promises to aid the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, CIO, in its campaign to organize Bisbee district and the Phelps Dodge Mines.

The council whitewashed Sheriff Pruitt's attempts to intimidate Bisbee miners engaged in leaflet distribution at Phelps Dodge mines.

The council gave silent approval to an article in its official journal, Cochise County Labor News, which stated a committee investigated charges by asking Sheriff Pruitt for the "truth."

Took Sheriff's Word
The sheriff kindly informed the committee there was nothing at all to the union's claim. A minor wrote the council chiding them for refusing to accept the word of fellow workers and choosing instead to take that of a labor-hating sheriff, whose record as a strikebreaker in 1935 is well remembered by every Bisbee miner.

E. F. Vickers, editor of the paper, replied that the miner had acted too hastily and proposed patience!

Vickers should have time to learn that the workers really want to see the CIO organize Phelps Dodge.

For CIO
He should learn that Douglas craft union members working in the Phelps Dodge Smelter have expressed their readiness to join the CIO miners and already are actively at work in the smelter preparing the workers for organization.

Small Cattlemen Organize
Cattlemen, capitalists say, are individualists. What do they say about the spontaneous self organization of small cattlemen in Yavapai and Santa Cruz counties with the purpose of forcing down the size of the permits which the big cattle barons get from the federal government to run cattle on forest land?

The small ranchers claim there is government forest land aplenty to give each man permits for at least 200 head of cattle. Larger cattlemen run as many as 15,000 cattle on the forest. They asked that large ranchers be whittled down so each may have room to run enough cattle for a living.

In Yavapai, forest officials responded to organized pressure and moved to grant the small man his rights. Word of the victory in the northern Arizona increased determination of Santa Cruz ranchers to win.

CIO Council Near
NOTES: CIO locals in Arizona are rapidly moving toward a state CIO council. A full time organizer, E. A. Kope, gave new impetus to CIO spirit in the state.

Desperate efforts of the planters have so far failed to secure enough cotton pickers at wages far below those paid within the past five years.

The AFL is rapidly organizing State Highway Employees. Presence of prominent Stanford

Longshoremen Remember This



THIS MOUNTED and masked San Francisco cop was one of several who charged meetings of workers along the Embarcadero shortly before the general strike of 1934. The masks protect the horse and cop from gas to be thrown at the workers. After seeing this in real life it's easy to understand how a convention of California police officers resolved to war "relentlessly" (meaning "ruthlessly") on the CIO, now organizing workers in the mass production industries throughout the state.

REP. SCOTT SAYS PEOPLE ANTI-FASCIST

Predicts F.D.R. Will Ask Neutrality Repeal for "Search for Peace"

By an Oil Worker
WILLOWBROOK, Los Angeles County—At an informal "get together" of the Roosevelt-Scott Democratic Club of Willowbrook held in the old Willowbrook grammar school, Congressman Byron Scott said that in last November's elections the American people took a definite stand against fascism.

Seated cross-legged on the top of an old school desk, Scott looked for all the world like a school teacher.

"The great majority of the people of the United States," he said, "sympathize with the Loyalist Spanish government and with the Chinese people. How ridiculous then, that we apply the amended neutrality law so that we actually take sides with Franco."

Scott predicted that President Roosevelt will ask Congress to repeal the neutrality laws so that we can actively engage in "the search for peace."

Scott drew a vivid picture of Representative Tinkham of Boston—the only Congressman with a square beard and a 20 year old hat. Tinkham intends to ask for the impeachment of Roosevelt at the coming special session of Congress.

For Labor Unity
Regarding labor, Scott said: "I don't think there is any great antagonism between the rank and file workers of the CIO and the AFL."

Reminded of the "49 masters" of the United States, Scott declared that the power of this fascist group must be destroyed.

San Diego Germans Hold Back From Fascist Salute

SAN DIEGO—Only 250 German-Americans attended the German day celebration here to be addressed by the terrorist Manfred von Killinger, general consul of Germany in San Francisco. Previous attendance at such meetings has been about 750.

Only about 15 responded to the Nazi salute of the chairman, C. T. Buelow, while about 20 responded with a Communist salute.

In an emotional appeal to German patriotism, the terrorist von Killinger proclaimed the "right" of German people to stay in the fascist movement in America.

men in the highway union supports the rumor that state AFL leaders have become part of the Stanford machine.

Timber workers in northern Arizona have refused to listen to AFL Organizer Bartels, and are anxious for CIO.

CIO Membership Is Blacklisted

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—Many members of the Cannery & Preserve Workers Union, CIO, who were militant during their recent 100-day strike at the Tea Garden Products Co., are being blacklisted and fired by officials of the phoney Vandeleur Union that was chartered in the jurisdiction of this bona fide union. The CIO workers had to return to work together with the phoney AFL Vandeleur Union, pending Labor Board action.

There is, however, a strong sympathy for the CIO, as prior to the strike 2700 workers, many of whom are working in this cannery and the California Canning Co., registered with the CIO union and hundreds are dues-paying members of the CIO union. So phoney Vandeleur is in for a disappointment sooner or later.

CIO WOODWORKERS MOVE FORWARD IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Companies Cut Hours When NLRB Action Was Sought

By a Timber Worker
STANDARD, Tuolumne County—Things are on the move here. Some time ago the open shop representatives of the West Side Lumber Co. of Tuolumne, and the Picking Lumber Co. of Standard, stated that no labor organization was making any headway.

But now it is a different story. The Int. Woodworkers of America, Local 84 (CIO) protested against the long hours in both mills, a protest which was ignored at the time.

Things Moving
Then came the demand for CIO recognition. That was also denied. But when the open shop representatives of the Labor Executives as the latest reports give the increase as about 5 per cent. The increase they asked for was 20 per cent. The settlement reported is very unsatisfactory to about 99 per cent of the Operating Employees especially, and to the majority of the Operating class.

Plays "Pie Cards"
The railroad workers are assessed right and left—44 cents per day, 6 1/2 per cent and anything more they may give. But so far they haven't heard anything from their representatives—or rather maybe I should say mis-representatives.

But then, of course, it may be that any developments are kept secret at the present, like a lot of other matters. That is, when the representatives come home, they will tell in their various locals how hard they worked and sugarcoat the bitter pill to put it over properly.

Ice Broken
But, Mr. H. H. Ensign, AFL organizer, the CIO is more than a dream; this is 1937, Mr. Ensign, and not 1902 as you seem to think.

The ice has been broken in the reactionary town of Sonora where Local 84 secured the Sonora Union high school and held a labor meeting.

Taxpayers Hit In Retrial of Frameup Case

Faked Charges Based on "Conspiracy to Commit Two Misdemeanors" in Last Spring's Strike

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—The taxpayers again started to shell out money to the official strikebreaking organization, when the retrial of the leaders of the Douglas Aircraft Co. sit-down strike started the 14th of October.

The charges against these men were manufactured at the request of Donald Douglas, the would-be Girdler of California, during the strike last spring at his plant. On the basis of nothing plus nothing makes a felony, if the right legal words are used, an indictment was produced, to break the strike. Exactly 347 men were originally arrested. The 23 left are to be "made examples of."

Legal Trickery
The charges against these 23 men reach a neat high in legal trickery. "Conspiracy to commit two misdemeanors" may look legitimate on the surface, but upon close inspection it shows its fallacies.

A misdemeanor in itself is a minor violation of the law, like spitting on the sidewalk, parking wrong, or jay-walking. This misdemeanor charge against the strikers was not strong enough to send in police to break the strike, so the word conspiracy was attached.

The mere word "conspiracy" raises the level of the charges to a felony, placing it in the same category as murders and kidnappings. With this conglomeration of strong words, the police arrested the sit down strikers.

Strikebreaking Provoked
The irony of the entire situation was heightened by the remarks the district attorneys made during the first trial. They clearly betrayed their strike breaking activities when, in substance, they said:

"We will not try to prove that the 23 defendants actually committed the misdemeanors, but that they conspired to do them. We do not have actual proof that they conspired, but we will attempt to prove it by circumstantial evidence."

The first trial ended after seven weeks when the jury remained deadlocked for 23 hours, not on the guilt or the innocence of the defendants, but on whether there was a conspiracy or not.

The second trial gives evidence of dragging out longer than the seven weeks of the first.

"Justice"
Mr. Packard, one of the defense lawyers, opened the legal farce by presenting a motion for dismissal based on 12 points. Before he had closed his mouth on the twelfth point, Judge Ambrose had already overruled and set aside the motion.

Objections and arguments flew back and forth on the questioning of every juror. Do you believe in strikes? Objected by the D. A. objection sustained by Judge Ambrose. Do you own Aircraft stock? What paper do you read? Are you prejudiced against outsiders who participate in a strike? Objected to by the D. A. Objection sustained.

The defense lawyers had to request twice that Judge Ambrose wait until they put up their arguments before he sustained the D. A.'s objections.

Quite an argument whirled around the point of mentioning the word strike. The D. A. insisted that this was not a labor case, just a pure and simple criminal one.

Packard and Carter, the defense attorneys, in turn insisted that the criminal charges grew out of a strike, and opinions of strikes were necessary to get a fair jury. The requirements of a juror on this case (for the D.A.) can be summed up in a few words—never reads, never thinks, never has any opinions. An opinion of any sort is enough to cause them to be challenged from the jury. A union man does not even sit in his chair long enough to get it warmed up.

A high note of the trial was struck during the second day of questioning. "Do you have any opinion of people who participate in strikes?" asked Mr. Carter of a prospective woman juror.

"Oh, dear, no" she naively answered. "We never discuss such uninteresting subjects in my home."

Recent Pay Raise Too Low in R. R. Operating Dept.

By a Railroad Worker
SAN JOSE—The railroad workers in the Operating Dept. are condemning the action of the Labor Executives as the latest reports give the increase as about 5 per cent. The increase they asked for was 20 per cent. The settlement reported is very unsatisfactory to about 99 per cent of the Operating Employees especially, and to the majority of the Operating class.

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Every "Western" Reader a "Western" staff member

NEW CIO UNION
ROANOKE, Va.—By a vote of 576 to 232, workers at the American Furniture Co. of Martinsville, Va., chose the CIO local as their collective bargaining agency.

A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

First installment of John L. Lewis' closing speech to CIO Conference--Alaska Cannery Workers Vote CIO--Seattle Longshoremen Play Mayor Dore--Boycott Against Japan speeds forward with CIO resolution--Haymarket martyrs to be honored--Other labor news on regular news pages.

CIO RESOLUTION SPURS BOYCOTT AGAINST JAPAN

Condemns Fascist Nations As Aggressors in War Moves

Preparations for a broad boycott movement against Japanese manufactured goods as a blow against Japan's aggression in China are going forward with renewed vigor following the adoption of a resolution calling for such a boycott, by the recent Committee for Industrial Organization conference in Atlantic City, N. J.

The CIO resolution stated: "Whereas during the recent years the civilized world has witnessed the continuing aggressive action on the part of the fascist nations of the world to impose their vicious principles and policies upon other democratic countries, and

"Whereas such encroachments by the fascist nations have been extended to wars of aggression with smaller nations and subjugating the peoples of such weaker nations in the most brutal and inhuman manner, and

"Whereas the Japanese nation, of these fascist aggressors, has during the past few weeks culminated its policies in its undeclared war upon the Chinese people with the most uncivilized and barbarous tactics in brutal bombing non-military zones, cities, and killing and maiming thousands of women and children, destroying hospitals in unprotected zones.

"Now therefore be it resolved, that this conference of representatives of labor organizations affiliated with the CIO do hereby most severely condemn the viciousness of these fascist nations, particularly the Japanese, for their barbarous and uncivilized policies and principles, and specifically condemn the Japanese action in its unwarranted and unjustified attack upon the Chinese people, and

"Further resolved that the labor organizations affiliated with the CIO do hereby approve and join in with the labor organizations and other liberal organizations throughout the world to participate in a boycott of Japanese manufactured goods in this country.

REP. BERNARD NOW CIO HEAD IN MINN.

DULUTH, Minn.—Recently appointed CIO State Director in Minnesota, Congressman John T. Bernard (Farmer-Labor Party) declared:

"It is my duty as a Farmer-Labor Congressman, loyal to his principles, to do everything in my power to promote the organization of workers. What is the purpose of the Farmer-Labor Party if not to elect representatives who will protect the interests of the farmers and workers and the entire progressive movement?"

Bernard is a member of the Intl. Fire Fighters and of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

Fear AFL Stalling Closing Speech At Atlantic City

PASADENA—Members of the AFL Citrus Packing House Workers' Union express fear that the AFL is stalling in regard to giving them help. During the slack spell at the packing house here, only a few workers are called and they are the workers who have not joined the union.

At a local meeting the Central Labor Council delegate said: "The AFL Council said they would stand behind us 100 per cent."

Remarks by members, "what good will that do if we don't go to work," were heard.

The local plant is about 70 per cent organized, but the membership has very little union experience. At the meeting one speaker, after voicing a desire for action, said: "Some would say that is like the CIO, but CIO or not, why should we care if it gets results?"

It was finally decided to postpone action until the case of another packing house in San Gabriel Valley, now before the National Labor Relations Board is settled.

Six-Hour Day Conference Meets Wednesday in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Building Trades Unions Six-Hour Day Conference will hold its regular monthly meeting next Wednesday, October 27, 8 p.m., in the Sheet Metal Workers Hall, 14 Guerrero St. The conference organized to fight for a six-hour day for all workers in the city.

Plumbers Cheer Call to Fight On



IN NEW YORK CITY, more than 1,500 striking plumbers turned down compromise wage proposals and voted to continue their struggle for a \$10 daily wage and \$6 for helpers.

ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS GO CIO BY BIG MAJORITY

933 to 23 Is Vote; Charter to Be Installed Monday

SAN FRANCISCO—By the overwhelming ballot of 933 to 23, the Alaska Cannery Workers Union has voted to affiliate with the Committee for Industrial Organization, announced George Woolfe, union president.

The union will receive its charter next Monday at its regular meeting at 1 p.m. in the Ship Stacks Hall, 32 Clay St. The charter is being issued by the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Balloting on CIO affiliation has been carried on for over a month, and the votes were not tabulated until the last ship returned from Alaska, so that all members would have a chance to express their opinion.

Ford Workers Poll On Separate Local

OAKLAND—A referendum of employees of the Ford Motor Co. in Richmond will be held here Saturday, October 23, to decide whether to separate from Local 76 of the United Auto Workers and set up a separate local, as recommended by international officers of the union.

W. Wells, international vice-president, Dick Coleman, regional director, and Ervin Carey, international executive board member, will explain the proposed change, which is intended to facilitate organization of Ford plants throughout the country.

The chairman wants to express his appreciation to every member of the conference and to all the affiliated organizations for the splendid cooperation which has made this conference memorable and a success. It must be apparent to every one who has been privileged to attend this meeting, and to all on the outside who have followed the course of this conference and given attention to its report that this meeting marks a milestone in the progress of the Committee for Industrial Organization in the great task of creating here in our own country a modernized labor movement.

I think most of us who have been in the trenches of the CIO during the past two years and especially during the past year, have been so tremendously engaged in the actual work and so close to the manifold problems of the administration and organization that it is difficult for us to appraise the magnitude and the tremendous importance of our own accomplishments.

Formed in 1935 The CIO was formed in 1935 following the October convention of the AFL in this city. A preliminary meeting of the founders

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

MUSSOLINI used to be a Socialist before the World War. Trotsky, now Hitler's valued ally, once paraded as a Communist. Doriotti, who also posed as a Communist at one time, is now one of the leading Fascists in France, another ally of Hitler.

Some of the cleverest and shrewdest agents of the employing class today are renegades from the working class and from the Socialist and Communist Parties.

Therefore, you won't be surprised to learn that Dave "Goon Squad" Beck of Seattle, the Teamster czar whom Mayor Dore refers to as his boss, professed to be a Socialist many years ago. However, Beck soon joined up with the employers and their organizations; in fact, he is said to have gotten his start in Seattle by putting the Elks, then bankrupt, under their financial feet.

I can't cite authority for Beck's past career, but it comes from very reliable sources.

Teamsters Pro-CIO

FROM another reliable source, also impossible to name except to say that the man is in a position to know, comes a very interesting analysis of CIO sentiment among the rank and file teamsters of San Francisco.

"Seventy-five per cent of the members of Teamsters Local 85 are pro-CIO," I was told. Undoubtedly the pro-CIO sentiment of the Teamster membership was crystallized considerably in the recent blockade against the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union on the waterfront, particularly when the Teamster czars here—John P. McLaughlin and Joseph Casey

Workers' Forum Meets Regularly in Vallejo

VALLEJO, Solano County—Local 19 of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers of America, CIO, has established a workers' forum meeting the second and fourth Mondays of every month at McCollum's Hall, 427 Capitol St., beginning at 8 p.m.

John L. Lewis Tells of the CIO

of the CIO was held in this city in this hotel in this room during that convention. On November 15, 1935, the first formal meeting of the CIO with 10 organizations participating was held and its objectives and policies publicly announced. It was not until May of 1936 that an arrangement was made in the steel industry to begin the actual work of organizing that industry. It was not until July 1, 1936, that the actual work of organization began in the steel industry. During the remainder of the year 1936 the resources and energies and the time of the representatives of the CIO were largely engaged in the work of organization and of what seemed to be the most difficult industry in America to organize—namely steel.

The Steel Drive The Steel Workers Organizing Committee was created. Mr. Philip Murray was named chairman of that committee. That committee before beginning its work of organization thoroughly surveyed its field. It established offices and sub-regional offices. It appointed its personnel. It had its schools of instruction. It drew graphs and charts of localities and the movement was gone into in the most systematic way that labor had ever approached a problem of organization in America.

During the remainder of the year 1936 the entire energies and resources of the CIO were put into that campaign. During that period we not only encountered the public opposition of the corporations in the steel industry, a hostile public press, but we encountered the opposition of the organizations of the AFL, who were opposed to the CIO and who in fact did join the em-

ployers of this country and the opponents of organized labor in creating resistance to the suggestion that these workers could be organized. The officers of the AFL, joined labor-baiting corporation heads in publicly proclaiming that the steel industry could never be organized—that it could not be done. They probably justified that opinion by remembering that in 37 years the AFL had not organized permanently a single steel worker. At the time of the beginning of that movement in 1936 among the 220,000 employees of the United States Steel Corporation's manufacturing subsidiaries not a single workman belonged to a union—any union—any workman.

Contract With U. S. Steel On February 1, 1937, the Steel Workers Organizing Committee executed with the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation a collective bargaining contract for the employees of that corporation—that was the answer of the CIO to these statements and that propaganda.

Too much credit cannot be given to the SWOC, its chairman and its officers, its field agents and employees for that magnificent accomplishment in the face of an opposition that the public at large, the employers of the country, the mass newspapers of the nation, and the officers of the AFL said could not be done. It was done from that time on.

MAYOR DORE IS OPEN-SHOPPER, CHARGES ILWU

Violates Oath of Office, Declares Seattle's Longshoremen

(ILWU Local 1-19 Press Release) SEATTLE—The Seattle press on October 14 quoted Mayor Dore as follows: "If you keep the CIO off the Pacific Coast, it will never be a national organization and the end will soon come."

By that statement Seattle's mayor has condoned the numerous beatings and outbreaks of violence which have occurred here and in other Pacific Coast cities while the American Federation of Labor has been carrying out its "war" on the CIO.

Dore Fights Wagner Act By those words Mayor Dore repudiates the Wagner Labor Act, which gives American workers the right to join the union of their choice.

The AFL has pledged itself to a bloody war against the CIO and against the national law. Mayor Dore also pledged himself to a bloody "war," a pledge which, if carried out, means that the mayor has declared "war" on the national law.

Mayor Dore is further quoted as saying: "Seventy-five per cent of the Seattle Longshoremen would leave the CIO tomorrow if they could get control of the hiring halls."

He Lied Mayor Dore either spoke from ignorance or deliberately lied. The mayor knows the rank and file Seattle Longshoremen control the hiring hall. He further knows the referendum vote, by secret ballot, on CIO affiliation carried by a 3-1 majority.

Seattle's Longshoremen AFL to concentrate their campaign through the Teamsters Union. The entire Pacific Coast is familiar with Dave Beck's "war to the finish" in San Francisco, a battle in which Teamster officials ordered their membership off their jobs to break a trade union, the San Francisco Longshoremen.

Dore Is Open-Shopper When Mayor Dore condones an attempt to break one union, he condones the breaking of all unions. He barefacedly comes out for the open-shop. He tells one and all that he favors return of the "fink" halls on the waterfront. If he favors "fink" halls on the waterfront, he favors them for every union. When the time is ripe he would condone breaking the Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Mayor Dore by his own words favors force and violence to break the Intl. Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union. Then Mayor Dore is opposed to the Laws which he swore as mayor to uphold. Mayor Dore is in favor of gangster tactics and racketeering.

The ILWU knows that if we are to have a peaceful and law abiding city, Mayor Dore must be defeated.

Philipinos Need CIO

These are the groups that attacked Roosevelt, that called him

here to study the phenomena of labor in America throwing off its bonds. Labor in America is throwing off its bonds because labor in America is convinced individually and collectively that for too many years it has been exploited and submerged, denied its opportunity, denied its reasonable participation in the natural bounties of our great country, and in the increased efficiency of our business institutions.

The CIO with its policies, and with its ideals, and with its understanding of dreams and ideas that are in the hearts of the men and women who toil for a living, have made this possible.

Practical Realization You men who constitute the high command in the agencies of the CIO have built even better than you knew because during the long days and nights of unexampled toil and effort, you have not had the time to indulge in philosophical cogitations and academic meanderings about the philosophy that appertains to the proposition in which you are engaged, nor the academic benefits that might come to posterity through the work that you are doing in the present day and year.

It is a practical realization of what the American labor movement could have done years ago if the leaders of the American labor movement had had the vision, fortitude and the courage to forget their own comfort, to forget their own individual emoluments and pleasures and devoted themselves in reality and in fact to the cause of serving their fellow-men by giving them intelligent and courageous leadership.

(To Be Continued)

The CIO and the Filipino Workers

AN ARTICLE BY J. MENSALVES

Filipino workers, numbering 35,000 in California alone, as a small minority group, exercising no political influence in the public life of the State, of the country and of even their own country, occupy a very precarious position in the rapidly growing labor movement of America.

Like other workers (although they are affected most), they are constantly threatened by starvation wages, long hours of work, unemployment or economic insecurity.

See CIO Advance This condition is often overlooked by them, in their hard struggle to keep up in the functioning of a "dog eat dog," "exploitation of man by man" system of society. Furthermore, social and economic discrimination against them as a race, adds another weight to their struggle.

The line of the Hearst newspapers, magazines, radios and other capitalist means of propaganda still hide the basic cause of their problems and their way out.

Why the CIO But experiences have taught them; they see the progressive forces showing them the way out. They see the CIO and its achievements. But seeing is not enough. The Filipino workers should join and help build the CIO.

Why? Because the CIO is organizing the millions of unorganized workers in America, regardless of color, race, nationality, creed or political beliefs; because the CIO organizes on an industrial basis—one strong union in one industry.

In agriculture, the Filipino worker could handle almost any kind of work. He can afford to join one union only and not three or more. That is true, too, in the cities. That is why the AFL is not the place for him. And because industrial organization such as the CIO is the only logical type of unionism fitted for America, fitted to survive, fitted to withstand the attacks of the reactionaries, the open-shoppers.

Green's Role Even William Green of the AFL favored industrial organization in 1917-1918 as shown in the American Labor Year Book of that year. But when he saw the democratic and progressive nature of the rising progressiveness of the American working class, he realized that his power and his big salary are doomed.

Therefore he joined the forces of big business, the industrialists, financiers, the Randolph Hearsts, the Liberty Leaguers. These groups oppose the CIO because they don't believe in unions; they believe in paying low wages, in starving the workers, in making workers criminals, in prostituting, suicide victims; these groups deny relief to the unemployed, don't care about the millions of "underfed, underclothed and ill-housed"; these groups want the Filipino workers to hate the Mexicans, the Americans, want all workers to fight each other.

Philipinos Need CIO These are the groups that attacked Roosevelt, that called him

LABOR HEROES TO BE HONORED ARMISTICE DAY

Flowers to Commemorate Haymarket Martyrs of 8Hour Day Fight

On November 11, a mountain of live flowers and laurel wreaths will be placed at the foot of the Haymarket Memorial Monument in Waldheim Cemetery in Chicago, by a committee headed by Mrs. Lucy Parsons, widow of Albert Parsons, one of the five innocent men executed in the famous Haymarket case in Chicago for their fight for the eight hour day, 50 years ago.

"I think your intention of calling upon the workers to donate the price of a flower or a laurel wreath to be placed upon the last resting place of our martyrs in Waldheim on the 50th anniversary of their martyrdom is a beautiful idea," Mrs. Parsons told the Trade Union Sponsoring Committee.

More Alive Today "Not only because it will show that they are not forgotten, but because it will show that the things they fought for—a powerful trade union movement, shorter working hours, industrial democracy—are more alive today than they ever were before. Surely every progressive trade unionist, every justice loving American citizen will want to participate in this mass tribute."

The sponsoring committee included Elmer Brown, Typographical Union No. 6 (AFL); Joseph Curran, National Maritime Union (CIO); Mrs. Bella Dodd, American Federation of Teachers (AFL); Louis Weinstock, District Council No. 9 Brotherhood of Painters (AFL).

The mass tribute is being organized by the Labor Defense, Intl. Labor Defense organ.

Henry Schmidt Endorses In a letter to the ILD in San Francisco, Henry Schmidt, president of the Longshoremen, ILWU 1-10, declared:

"We extend our warmest fraternal greetings to the Intl. Labor Defense on this 50th anniversary of the death of the Haymarket Martyrs, working class heroes in the struggle for the eight hour day."

"We feel deeply the fact that these men were martyred because they dared to lead the struggle for the eight hour day. This struggle symbolizes the entire struggle of the working class for a better standard of living—for shorter hours, for higher wages, for improved working conditions, for more leisure, for a greater share in the wealth of the nation. It is perfectly in order with the tradition of the militant labor movement to celebrate Armistice Day with a demonstration memorializing the heroes of the working class—who have fallen in the fight."

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

I DON'T believe you could find anyone on the waterfront here in San Francisco who is going to vote for that anti-picketing ordinance the employers have cooked up for the November ballot.

Of course there may be a few stool pigeons and rats who are going to vote the way they are told. But they won't be boasting about it.

Those men who work on the front and who have friends up town, by all means should talk to those friends and see to it they vote the right way.

It took the entire working class of the city to repeal the old ordinance and elect the men that same working class to defeat this one, which, by the way, is seven times more vicious and would absolutely forbid picketing of any nature whatsoever.

Political Action And this brings us again to the question of union men engaging in politics—on their own hook. Some of the waterfront men still argue against political action. But I wonder how many of them fail to recognize the need for the waterfront to climb into the political arena on the question of this anti-picketing ordinance, if on no other issue?

And if you have to get into politics to defeat an anti-picketing measure, what about electing representatives who won't allow anti-picketing ordinances and other such anti-labor measures a place on the ballot? If you recognize the fact that Mayor Rossi and Governor Merriam are reactionary and against the working class organizations, what argument can you put up against rooting these parasites out of office and electing our own men—men who we know will work for us and not against us?

On O'Sullivan Barney J. O'Sullivan, they say,

told the Marine Firemen down in Pedro he is contemplating "legal action" against the present officials of the MFOW. I wonder what he'll charge them with? I don't think it's—I carry out the wishes of the rank and file. If you're elected to a position, is it illegal to accept? And if you get a mandate from the membership to carry out a certain program, and then proceed to carry out that program to the best of your ability, is that illegal, too?

Of course it's all right to issue hundreds of phoney membership books. This practically amounts to forgery. It's always legal to pack meetings with "seamen" whose closest contact with the sea probably was a fishing line dangled off the Municipal Pier on Sunday mornings.

I guess it's all in the point of view.

On "Ballot-Burners" So the Marine Engineers voted to affiliate to the CIO. This is all to the good. But it's a bit surprising that the licensed men should be so far ahead of the deck gang on this issue. The sailors are noted for militancy and the reputation certainly is deserved.

The sailors expressed their desire to join the CIO way early in the game and Harry Lundberg even promised them the "first CIO charter on the Pacific Coast." But the CIO ballots were burned by Lundberg and his men, and that was that.